

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO

FROM : *BW* SAC, BUTTE (62-new) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 1/28/75

[REDACTED] has contacted the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Resident Agency on several occasions and the following information is a summation of the information furnished by him:

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[redacted] is described as follows:

Race
Sex
DOB
Height
Weight
Hair
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Address

Occupation

White
Male

6' 1"
165#

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[redacted] has appeared [redacted]
[redacted] and he was unable to recall
specific instances relating to the above information.

It is requested that the receiving Offices check
indices on [redacted] and advise Butte of any background
information in the event [redacted] remarks have to be
refuted with regard to the allegation he conducted breakins
for the FBI.

SAC, BUTTE (62-New)

2-13-75

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0)


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INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE BUTTE LTR 1/28/75

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain considerable information concerning JERRY DUCOTE in connection with a civil rights case with Sacramento as office of origin. Case is entitled "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka; JERRY COHEN, United Farm Workers, Keane, California - VICTIM, CR, OO: Sacramento", Sacramento file 44-625, San Francisco file 44-1413.

Sacramento Division is requested to furnish pertinent information concerning DUCOTE to the Butte Division for information. It should be noted that investigation was conducted in this case by the San Francisco Division at San Jose, California, through contacts with DUCOTE's attorney and in attempting to arrange for DUCOTE to be interviewed concerning allegations described by DUCOTE's attorney as "bigger than Watergate." It should further be noted that on FBI HQ instructions San Francisco and Sacramento were directed to discontinue efforts to interview DUCOTE per departmental instructions and no further investigation was conducted by the San Francisco Division.

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SAC, BUTTE (62-NEW)

2/27/75

SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (P)


INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Butte letter to Sacramento, dated 1/28/75
and San Francisco letter to Butte, dated 2/13/75.

Enclosed for information of Butte is one copy
of Sacramento report by SA CONRAD N. SHAW, dated 4/19/74
titled JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka, et al. Investigation
on JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka et al, discontinued per
Bureau teletype dated 4/22/74.

LEAD:

SACRAMENTO

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA. Will furnish results of
investigation.

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SAC, BUTTE

3/28/75

SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (C)

[REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento letter to Butte, 2/27/75.

On 3/18/75, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Fresno, California,
who is [REDACTED] advised
that he knows one JERRY DUCOTE and met him through his
activities [REDACTED] He stated DUCOTE
is a totally unprincipled individual who was a former Deputy
Sheriff in the San Jose area, and who is described as con man.
[REDACTED] was unable to offer any specific information regarding
DUCOTE's activities as a burglar and stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is totally unknown to him. He advised that he
had heard that DUCOTE had engaged in some covert type
of activity in the past, but could not document same.

In view of the above, no further investigation
will be conducted.

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FILES AND RECORD

DESTRUCTION ORDER

DATE

3/20/75

TO: SAC

FROM: SA

RE: FILE NO. 62-464

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I HAVE REVIEWED THIS FILE, AND HAVE
CONSIDERED THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SAC MEMORANDUM
52-74, DATED 11 / 5 / 74, AND THIS FILE SHOULD BE
DESTROYED UNDER THE:

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FIVE YEAR RULE.

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120 DAYS

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TEN YEAR RULE.

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1 YEAR RULE

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DO NOT DESTROY

JUSTIFICATION FOR RETENTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Destruction Criteria

CASE AGENT'S INITIALS 94

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION
P. O. Box 1859, Sacramento, California

CRIME REPORT

ARMED ROBBERY
Specific Offense

211 a PC

Delano Police Department
Reporting Department

Case Number

67-846

Date and time occurred; day of week 5-30-67 2:00 AM Tuesday	Location of occurrence 1457 Glenwood Street, Delano	Division—Beat	Date and time reported to department 5-30-67 2:25 AM
Victim's name (firm name if business) AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Residence address (business address if firm) 1457 Glenwood St	Residence phone none	Business phone or address
Person who discovered crime [redacted]	Residence address [redacted]	Residence phone none	Business phone or address
WITNESS/ESI: Name [redacted]	Residence address [redacted]	Residence phone none	Business phone or address

Victim's occupation race sex age	Type of premises or location where offense was committed Philipino Community Recreation center (Union office within)
Point where entrance was made: front door east side of building (south doors)	Weapon—Force or means used: possibly a 25 caliber automatic
Exact location of property when stolen in filing cabinets in office (south-east corner)	Exact location of victim at time of offense asleep on premises
Instrument used (describe) 25 caliber automatic—hands, small crowbar	asleep
Method used to gain entrance pryed front door to community center	Exact words used by suspect Stay where you are. Do you have a key to this place? You know up in Marysville a guy got a broom stuck up his ass. That's what it is among
Where were occupants at time of offense? asleep in bedroom area of community center	
Apparent motive—Type of property taken or obtained union files—money—took union files & approx \$100.00 in petty cash, denominations unknown	

forced way using small prybar through front door, ransacked office (union) took union files & money
Vehicle used by suspect(s)—Year, make, body type, color, license number and any other identifying marks
1967 Chrysler unknown, UST 260 Registered to "Chrysler Leasing Corp 625 Post St, San Francisco

SUSPECT(S):	Name	Address used	Hair	Eyes	Hgt.	Wgt.	Age	Identification Numbers (if any)
No. 1	WMA [redacted]	none	lt. brn unk		6'0"	170-175	30-35	b7C
No. 2	WMA wearing grn plaid shirt, grey sweater, blk pants, horn-rimmed glasses, has long nose.							
No. 3	WMA wearing Lt. colored trousers & sweater				6'0"	190	40-42	has reseeded Lt. brn hair

DETAILS: Describe evidence; summarize details not given above; itemize and describe any property obtained, including serial numbers and value—
2:25 AM 5-30-67, detailed to investigate a robbery at the Philipino Community Center, 1457 Glenwood St. Contacted reporting party [redacted] who stated he was awakened by a noise in the hallway, & upon investigating was told by a male voice in the dark, "Stay where you are". [redacted] witness #2, at this time turned on the hallway lights, & R/P & Witt. #2 were told to back up against a wall [redacted] observed (S) 1 with a gun in his right hand, described as a 25 automatic, & was to open the union office. (S) #2 started to pry the office door, however, R/P told (S)s the custodian had a key [redacted] Witness #1, & witness #2 were held at gunpoint in the hallway, while (S) #2 ransacked the union office. Witnesses #1 & #2. were then told to go back to their bedroom, & go to bed. (S)s left in an unknown direction. Refer to additional information report.
ITEMS TAKEN: Approx \$100.00 in petty cash from metal cabinet, & union records from cardboard cabinet.

LIST CASE NUMBERS OF ANY OTHER OFFENSES CLEARED OR CONNECTED WITH THIS REPORT: USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY			
APP. number and date 5-30-67 5:16	Badge or serial number Sergeant	Date and time report written 5-30-67	Date and time report reviewed

Delano Police Department, Delano, California
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

Victim AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

C. R. No. 67-846

LAST NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE

Accused

LAST NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE

I. B. No.

B. N. No.

Case Reference 211 a Strong armed Robbery

Date 5-30-67

A taped statement was taken from Witness # 1 [redacted] He stated that he is the repairman at the Center, & sleeps in the same room as [redacted] witness # 2, [redacted] stated he heard a noise & got up to investigate. The hallway area was dark, & he yelled out, "who is there". Getting no answer, he again yelled out, "who the hell is there!" This time a male voice answered, "stay where you are." (S) asked (W#1) if there was anyone else in the building, at which (W#1) replied, "only [redacted] asleep in the bedroom. (S) #1 then asked if (W#1) had a key to the union office, at which (W#1) replied "no". At this time (W#2) came into the hallway area, turned on the hall lights, & asked who was there. (W#1) then observed that there were two (S)'s, one holding what appeared to be a 25 caliber automatic. Both witnesses were told to back up against the west wall of the hallway, as (S#1) pointed the gun at them. (S#2) at this time attempted to pry open the office door with a small pry-bar, however, before said door was pruned open [redacted] produced the key for (S)s. (S)#2 then went into the office, while (S#1) covered the two witnesses in the hallway. (W#1) stated the two (S)s were at the hall for approx 25 minutes. (W#1) talked to (S#1) during this time in the hallway, & at one time (W#1) stated to (S#1), I thought this disagreement with the two unions was all settled. (S)#1 replied, "You know a guy up in Marysville got a broom-stick stuck up his ass, that's what it is among organizing". (S#1) also offered (W#1) a cigarette (Pall-Mall brand). Both (S)s left in an unknown direction after telling both (W)s to remain in their bedroom. As soon as both (S)s left, (W#1) attempted to see which way (S)s left, however, did not see or hear anything. The telephone wire in the office had been cut.

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Photos taken of crime scene #2, 3, 4, & 5, from camera in unit #102.

Officer [redacted] at approx. 2:04 AM, checked out on [redacted] parked in a '67 Chrysler, grey, Calif. license # [redacted] parked on the west side of Glenwood St; 1400 block. Subject stated he was waiting for a friend, & would be leaving soon. A 10-28 sent on said license number, refer to APB sent this date. Officer [redacted] stated subject's drivers license expired in Aug. Also the city Sunnyvale, was crossed out. No FI card was made.

A contact was made with [redacted] to ascertain property taken: [redacted] will call HQ if any other items taken.

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Case Pending.

Filed By [redacted]

Delano Police Department, Delano, California
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

Victim AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE 1457 GLENWOOD ST.
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

C. R. No. 67-846

Accused _____ I. B. No. _____
LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

B. N. No. _____

Case Reference PC 211A CR# 67-846

Date 5/30/67

5/31/67 9:00AM Captain [redacted] assigned the undersigned to follow up on CR# 67-846

PC 211A

[redacted] of San Francisco Police Dept. called Delano Police Dept. at 10:11AM 5/31/67 in response to the AFB sent (Refer to the attached copy). Due to the fact the 1967 Chrysler implicated was owned by the Chrysler leasing corp. of San Francisco, Calif. ATTention had also been directed to that dept.

[redacted] advised Officer [redacted] that he had checked with Chrysler leasing and found that the above described vehicle was rented from the Avis Car Rental in Fresno, Calif. on 5/29/67 at 8:47PM.

The undersigned contacted [redacted] of Avis Rental in Fresno at Phone # Area [redacted]

[redacted] stated the vehicle listed above was rented at the above time by a [redacted] San Jose, Calif. (unknown which due to the poor handwriting) and that [redacted] used an identification card from the Fairchild Instrumentation company #2099 and a Calif. Dr. Lic. that expires in [redacted] [redacted] stated that the vehicle was due in San Jose, Calif. on 5/30/67.

The undersigned sent a TT to DMV on the above listed drivers license number (Refer to the attached copy.)

The undersigned contacted the Avis Car Rental in San Jose, Calif. and [redacted] [redacted] stated that the vehicle had been dropped off at the San Jose Airport Office at 7:10AM 5/30/67 and that the subject [redacted] was alone and paid cash for the rental in the amount of \$36.82 and the vehicle had been driven according to the speedometer, 343 Miles starting at mileage 1974 in Fresno, Calif. on 5/29/67 and mileage ending at San Jose, Calif. on 5/30/67 2317 miles.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had also turned in a Credit Card Gasoline purchase ticket in the amount of \$3.72 purchased on 5/29/67 at the Baileys Enco Station at Tipton, Calif.

The undersigned requested a copy of the above Credit Card purchase ticket and also a copy of the Rental agreement signed by the Subject [redacted] [redacted] stated that the clerk that assisted [redacted] at the San Jose Avis Office was a [redacted] (Clerk) and was on his days off and could not be reached [redacted]

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Delano Police Department, Delano, California
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT

Victim (Refer to Page One.)

LAST NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE

C. R. No.

Accused

LAST NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE

I. B. No.

B. N. No.

Case Reference

Date

The undersigned contacted Sgt. [] of the San Jose Police Dept. and requested their assistance in checking out the above subject and vehicle. Sgt. [] stated he would assign Sgt. [] to check out the information and that they would contact the undersigned as soon as the check was made.

5/31/67 3:00PM Sgt. [] contacted the undersigned and advised that the address was legitimate and according to records that [] did live there and according to their records the subject was not wanted or did not have a record with their dept, but that they would keep checking and that they had not located the subject or talked to him but if anything developed that they would contact this department immediately.

6/1/67 9:30AM Sgt. [] of the San Jose Police Dept. contacted the undersigned and advised that the above mentioned 1967 Chrysler had been dusted for latents and evidence found inside the vehicle indicated possibly four people had been in the vehicle, and that possibly two of these had been women. Sgt. [] stated that he found gum wrappers and cigarette packages from Viceroy and Pall Mall and Camel brands, also found in the vehicle was a card with the wording (Modern Beauty Shop 480 North Fulton st. Fresno, Calif.) Sgt. [] stated that the subject [] had driven his personal vehicle down town San Jose Calif. and parked it on the evening of 5/31/67 and had not returned to it or to his residence and that he had units staked out on the subjects residence and also on the vehicle and would advise immediately if anything developed.

A TT was sent by the undersigned to CII for a copy of the above mentioned subjects rap sheet.

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6/1/67

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE		TIME & DATE OFFENSE REPORTED		CASE NO.
RECOVERY OF VEHICLE (OUTSIDE JURISDICTION) INVOLVED IN		5:00P M 5/31/67		1
NAME OF DEFENDANT ARMED ROBBERY		ADDRESS		PHONE
Unknown				
NAME OF COMPLAINANT OR VICTIM (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)		ADDRESS		PHONE
Delano Police Department		Delano, California		

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

Investigating officer responded to the Avis Rent-A-Car office at the San Jose Municipal Airport on a report that a vehicle involved in an armed robbery in Delano, California had been recovered at the airport. The vehicle in question is a 1967 Chrysler, 4dr., white in color, UST 260. Contacted a [redacted] a clerk at the Avis Office and she stated that [redacted] had informed her that if a party by the name of [redacted] came into the office to contact the police department immediately. At approximately 4:45PM, this date, [redacted] came into the office and requested a copy of his lease contract on the above described vehicle. As [redacted] waited on the party other employees of Avis contacted the police department. After being told that the lease was in the downtown office, the party left and was seen driving south on Airport Blvd., an old model Nash, white/green/white. Contacted Reserve Officer [redacted] who works at the airport and he stated he observed [redacted] a Nash parked in a crosswalk in front of the main terminal building with possible license of [redacted] and other employees described the suspect as follows:

Party being W, M, approximately 6-0, 175, with a long nose. Further described as having hair parted on the left hand side. Party was wearing a brown checked sportcoat with a white shirt and unknown colored tie. Party also wore bifocal glasses with dark colored rims. According to the lease that the Avis Company had, the vehicle had been left at San Jose Municipal Airport at 7:05AM on the 30th of May, this year. Contacted [redacted] Sunnyvale the [redacted] the [redacted] on duty the 30th of May and he recalled parking the vehicle just north of the service entrance off of Airport Blvd. According to him, no one else had been in the vehicle since that time. Checked the car and several fingerprints and other evidence was observed throughout the interior. The vehicle was left at the scene and locked as per directions of Sgt. [redacted]. The keys were then turned over to Sgt. [redacted] of the Detective Bureau for disposition.

DATE OF THIS REPORT	NAME OF OFFICER	NAME OF OFFICER
5/31/67	[redacted]	[redacted]

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DETECTIVE DIVISION

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE		TIME & DATE OFFENSE REPORTED		CASE NO.
RECOVERY OF VEHICLE (OUTSIDE JURISDICTION) INVOLVED IN		5:00 PM 5-31-67		
NAME OF DEFENDANT ARMED ROBBERY		ADDRESS		PHONE
NAME OF COMPLAINANT OR VICTIM (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)		ADDRESS		PHONE

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

Received info. at 5 pm from the desk sgt. that a vehicle was being turned in to Avis-Rent-A-Car at Municipal Airport and that the driver of the vehicle, 1967 Chrysler lic. UST 260, was wanted for armed robbery in Delano, Calif. It was subsequently found that the Chrysler had been returned on 5-30-67, at 7:05 am, and that the person renting the car had returned to obtain a copy of the rental agreement. He had left just prior to the arrival of the beat units, who had been sent by the desk sgt. to intercept. The car had been rented from the San Francisco office of Avis at 8:47 pm, 5-29-67, and had been returned with 343 miles registering on the speedometer. The person renting the car identified himself at [redacted], San Jose. The subject left the Municipal airport in a white & green Rambler, with possible lic. of DEN 201.

The undersigned responded to [redacted] in an attempt to contact [redacted]. He was not at home and his wife said that he had not yet returned from his place of employment, [redacted]. She stated that he was driving [redacted]. This vehicle was subsequently located marked at [redacted] and an unmarked vehicle was left in the area to await [redacted] return.

The undersigned contacted Capt. [redacted] Delano Police Dept., [redacted] for further information regarding the robbery and suspect. He stated that at 2 am, 5-30-67, an armed robbery was committed at the Union Hall in Delano in which \$200 was taken by two perpetrators. The above Chrysler was seen at that location at the time of the robbery and ~~one of~~ the occupants fit the description of one of the perpetrators. The description of the two robbers is as follows: (#1) WMA 30-35 6' 170-175, referred to as [redacted], wearing horn-rim glasses, green plaid shirt, gray sweater, and black pants; (#2) WMA 40-42, receding light brown hair, wearing light color pants and sweater. #1 also described as having a prominent nose. [redacted] is reported to fit the general description of #1. Capt. [redacted] requested that [redacted] be apprehended and that his department would immediately respond someone to conduct interrogation and further follow-up.


At the time of this report, [redacted] had not been located.

The Chrysler is still locked and parked at San Jose Municipal Airport. The keys are attached to this report. It has not yet been ascertained what disposition Delano PD wishes made of the vehicle. Several fingerprints were lifted from the interior of the vehicle, and also accompany this report.

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DATE OF THIS REPORT 5-31-67	NAME OF OFFICER Sgt. [redacted]	NAME OF OFFICER Sgt. [redacted]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO

DATE: 10/22/75

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION BY CALIF. DEPT. OF
JUSTICE CONCERNING [REDACTED]
IN DELANO, CALIF. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 10/22/75, a source in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following information in strictest
confidence, requesting that his name not be linked with the
information in any way, [REDACTED]

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On 10/16/75, the source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The source stated the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The source does not know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above could also be connected with SC file 44-625,
involving a JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE.

11/5/75

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (62-7642) (RUC)
RE: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 10/31/75.

Los Angeles indices negative concerning [REDACTED]
Los Angeles did conduct investigation regarding DUCOTE under
Los Angeles file 44-2667 at the request of Sacramento and
all information obtained was furnished to Sacramento.

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Los Angeles has no information concerning this
incident.

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1 - Los Angeles

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[REDACTED] 1085	

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Date: 10/31/75

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (C)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Butte letter to Sacramento, 1/28/75, captioned as above, and report of SA CONRAD N. SHAW, 4/19/74, at Sacramento, captioned, "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; JERRY COHEN; UNITED FARM WORKERS, Keene, California-VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS," Sacramento file 44-625.

[REDACTED] Delano, California, confidentially furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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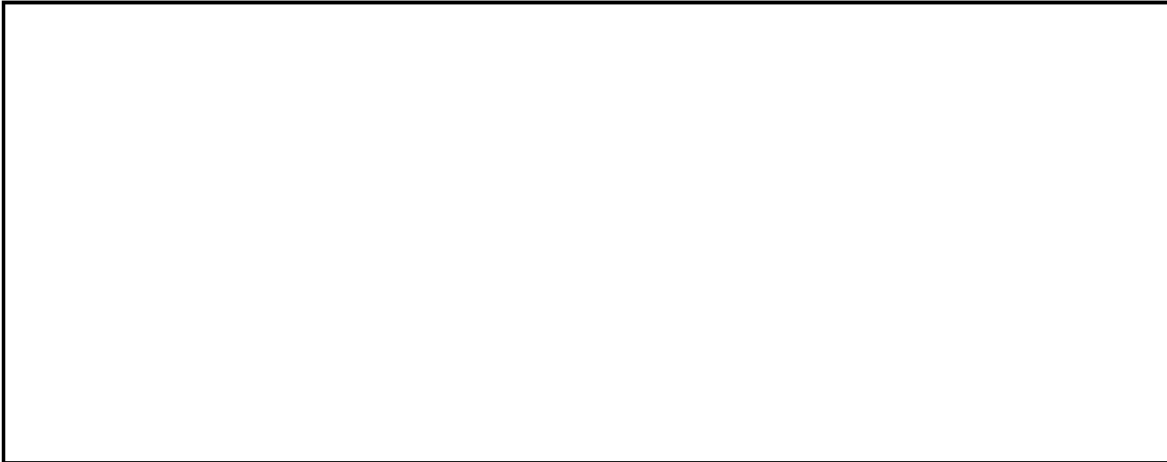
Special Agent in Charge

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Referenced Butte letter set forth information relative to [redacted]



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[redacted] Fresno, California, who is [redacted] [redacted] advised that he knows one JERRY DUCOTE. [redacted] described DUCOTE as a totally unprincipled individual who was a former deputy sheriff in the San Jose, California area and is a "con man".

[redacted] advised that he heard DUCOTE had engaged in some covert type activities in the past, but had no specific information regarding this. [redacted] stated he does not know [redacted]

For additional information, the Bureau's attention is directed to referenced civil rights case captioned, "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; JERRY COHEN; United Farm Workers, Keene, California-VICTIM, Civil Rights". Also it is to be noted that the Sacramento Division did not become a field office until 9/67, and during the pertinent period, Bakersfield was covered by the Los Angeles Division. Neither DUCOTE or

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[redacted] were ever informants of the Sacramento Division and Sacramento indices contain no information other than the civil rights and 62 matters referred to above.

Receiving offices furnish any pertinent information relative to this matter.

The identity of the source [redacted]

[redacted] must be protected [redacted]
[redacted]

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Sacramento contemplates no additional investigation other than maintaining contact with [redacted] UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (62-2686) (RUC)

SUBJECT:
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 11/6/75

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 10/31/75.

Review of Butte files reveals your office has
all information available to Butte.

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11/6/75

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0-26108) (RUC)
SUBJECT:
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 10/31/75.

For information of the Bureau and receiving offices, San Francisco was also in receipt of Butte letter to Sacramento, 1/28/75, captioned as above. San Francisco indices contain no other references to

As to JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka, as is indicated in the Sacramento airtel, DUCOTE was subject of a civil rights investigation wherein Sacramento was Office of Origin. Investigation was conducted by the San Francisco Division in the civil rights matter until instructions received from the Bureau to discontinue.

San Francisco files also contain information pertaining to an impersonation investigation wherein DUCOTE was the subject. This was a recent 12/74 through 2/75 investigation and has no bearing on the information as set out in referenced Sacramento airtel to Bureau. The only other information concerning DUCOTE is a reference wherein he was listed as a member of the "Minutemen". Investigation of a security nature was conducted concerning this organization and DUCOTE was indicated as being affiliated with that organization.

San Francisco files contain no information relative to the 1967 matter as outlined in referenced Sacramento airtel, and no further action is being taken by the San Francisco Division.

2 - Bureau
2 - Sacramento (62-464)
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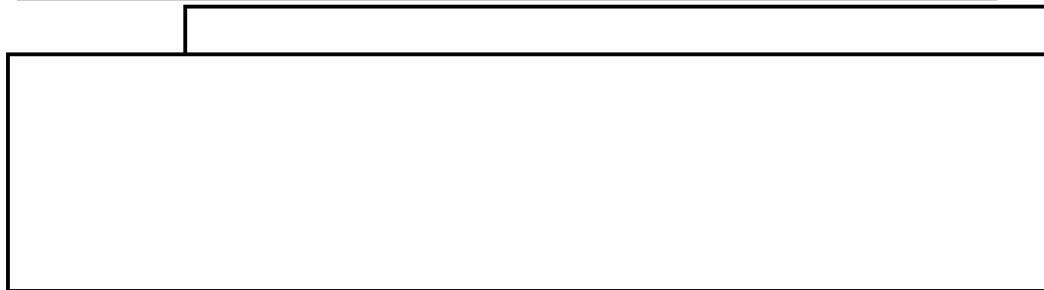
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DUCOTE was advised that investigation was being conducted concerning allegations that he was indicating that he was a member of the House Committee on Unamerican Activities (HCUA). Mr. DUCOTE was asked to comment on this allegation.

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He stated that for a number of years he had been working closely with the leadership of the Catholic Church of San Francisco and ferreting out adverse elements in the leadership of the church. He stated that he is presently engaged with KENNETH WILHELM, former director of a Farm Bureau of Santa Clara County, California, and STEPHEN D'ARRIEGIO, a prominent produce farmer in Salinas, California, investigating unamerican activities in California and in particular the Delano Grape Boycott.

Mr. DECOTE stated that they had formed the St. Dismas Publishers Incorporated, Post Office Box 8187, San Jose, California, and recently published a book exposing SOL ALINSKY. According to DECOTE, ALINSKY had set up computers and solicited proxies from stockholders of major companies and has attempted to influence the policies of these companies. DECOTE stated that this book is sold to various companies so that it could be mailed out to major stockholders and that this book has been made available to many Catholics in California. The presentation of this book to Catholics would be to prevent ALINSKY from interfering or influencing Catholic policy, particularly in regard to social action.

On 2/19/70 at San Jose, California File #

by SA MALCOLM E. SAMPLE and
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He stated that he and his colleagues have provided all subversive information obtained to the California HCUA and that he had met with members of that committee on numerous occasions. He stated that they have made all information available to Western Research, a private organization in the Bay Area, that maintains an index of public source information concerning subversives and subversive activities in the area.

DECOTE stated that he went to Washington approximately two months ago and while there, met with Congressman CHARLES GUBSER, Chief Counsel for the HCUA, Chief Investigator for HCUA, a representative of CIA, and he believes that a Bureau representative was also present.

DEOCTE stated that he told several people that he had consulted with the HCUA and that this statement might have been passed on with the impression that he was employed by the HCUA. DECOTE stated that at no time did he ever state to anyone that he was employed by the HCUA or did he attempt to leave that impression with anyone. He stated that if he had left that impression with anyone, he was sorry and apologizes for any inconvenience he may have caused the FBI. He stated that in all future encounters, he would make it known should the question arise that he is not employed by any Government Office. He stated that in all instances he states that he is employed by the St. Dismas Publishers Company.

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Re Sacramento airtel, dated 10/31/75; Bureau airtel, dated 11/6/75; and Sacramento telephone call to San Francisco 11/13/75.

Enclosed for Sacramento is one copy of an FD-302 reflecting investigation at San Jose, California.

The following information is being furnished Sacramento for incorporation into LHM being prepared at the Bureau's direction. Information furnished is all contained in San Francisco File 47-7771, wherein no reports were submitted and no other field divisions were involved.

On 12/12/74, [REDACTED] San Jose, California, was a complainant against JEROME JOSEPH DECOTE, aka, in an Impersonation matter. [REDACTED] interviewed 12/11/74, then resided at [REDACTED] California, wherein she advised briefly as follows:

In 8/74, she met DUCOTE while employed at the Ocean Law School, San Jose, [REDACTED] The law school was being dissolved and she was seeking other employment.

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DUCOTE was a friend of former organizers and owners of the law school and, accordingly, he approached her as to the possibility of her joining him in a business venture. She indicated the business venture was to include the organization of a school for migrant workers, which was to be operated for the benefit of both growers and workers. She stated during the time she was with DUCOTE, he told her he was working on this project with an individual named BROWNING, who is a United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. DUCOTE advised that federal assistance would be obtained for this school through BROWNING. In addition, DUCOTE claimed to be a consultant to the House on Unamerican Activities and a former Sheriff with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Based on these representations, she extended approximately \$3,000 in credit to DUCOTE, mainly in the nature of payment of hotel rooms and rented cars. The money had not been repaid. [] stated during their travels they spent most of their time in the Fresno, Bakersfield, and Salinas, California, areas and contacted many growers. She stated DUCOTE frequently drops the names of prominent people and it became obvious to her that she was nothing more than part of a con game.

On 1/6/75, United States Attorney JAMES L. BROWNING, JR., San Francisco, advised that DUCOTE had used his name in the past as being one of the numerous individuals that he was working with to establish a school for migrant workers. BROWNING stated that he had never taken part in any such program and DUCOTE was not familiar to him. b7C

On 12/12/74, Sergeant M. ROBERT BROWNING, Detective Division, Fraud Unit, San Jose, California, stated he has had numerous complaints filed on DUCOTE and that as of this date, he had been unable to make a case on him.

On 2/18/75, AUSA JERRY K. CIMMET, San Francisco, advised that in view of [] personal relationship with DUCOTE he would decline prosecution. The case was closed at San Francisco.

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DUCOTE was also the subject in another Impersonation matter within the San Francisco Division based on a complaint on 11/12/69 from JACK JONES, Chief Investigator, San Mateo District Attorney's Office, Redwood City, California. JONES as complainant advised that during the course of another investigation by his office, information was relayed to him that JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE had represented himself as being an Investigator for the House Unamerican Activities Committee.

On 1/6/70, [redacted] Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, San Jose, California, advised as follows:

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* DUCOTE was formerly a member of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office but was fired for excessive drinking, excessive women, and passing of bad checks. He left the Sheriff's Office about 8 years prior to then and [redacted] had only seen him on a few occasions since that time. [redacted] stated that sometime during 2/69 he had occasion to converse with DUCOTE in Sacramento, California, at the top of the Miramar Hotel while he, [redacted] was attending legal conferences there. DUCOTE made the comment to him at that time that he was with the House Committee on Unamerican Activities. DUCOTE also stated that this was unofficial. Nothing further was added. #

On 2/19/70, JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, 1528 Hancet Avenue, San Jose, California, was interviewed at the San Jose Resident Agency. A copy of the FD-302 is being enclosed with this communication.

The case was closed at the San Francisco Division on 4/30/70 inasmuch as all logical investigation had been conducted and DUCOTE denied the Impersonation.

Sacramento note from previous communications from the San Francisco Division that San Francisco Indices are negative concerning [redacted]

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UFW Burglary Probe Focuses On San Jose Man

By **GEORGE L. BAKER**
Bee Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A San Jose man is under investigation for alleged participation in a string of "political" burglaries in the late 1960s aimed at discrediting the United Farm Workers of America, law enforcement officials disclosed.

Authoritative sources identified the man as Jerry Ducote, a one-time Santa Clara County deputy sheriff, once active in the John Birch Society and other right-wing causes in the San Jose area.

The burglaries, part of an abortive effort to link the Cesar Chavez-led UFW to Communists and radical groups, were reported in The Fresno Bee in May 1974. At the time, Ducote, speaking anonymously, told a reporter he had been involved in 15 burglaries, carried out with the support and financial backing of two prominent California growers.

Apparently believing the statute of limitations had run out, and that he therefore could not be prosecuted, Ducote took his story earlier this year to the California Bureau of Investigation, a division of the State Department of Justice. His motivation was unclear and department officials declined comment.

Now, however, law enforcement officials say they are investigating Ducote for possible violation of state laws against possessing or concealing stolen property.

The statute of limitations has not expired on these actions because,

until recently, Ducote had in his possession much of the material taken in the burglaries, according to officials.

Said one law enforcement source: "We've recovered loads of stuff. There are documents, mailing lists, files, letters, etc. Investigators are rounding up the victims and having them identify the material."

Ducote could not be reached for comment. But according to law officials and his attorney, Steve Lewis of San Francisco, Ducote has already been given a verbal warning that anything he says can later be used in prosecuting him.

According to his story, outlined to The Bee last year, Ducote and other unnamed persons were hired by growers to discredit the UFW at a time when it was first beginning to make a dent in its organizing of California farmworkers.

"The original purpose was to get as much information as possible to show the Communist or radical influence on the union to discredit Chavez," Ducote said at the time. "We also wanted to know the operation of the union and to use the information to discredit him in the eyes of the Catholic church."

Among the organizations and persons burglarized from 1966 to 1969, as outlined by Ducote and later verified by police reports, were: UFW headquarters in Delano, offices of Ramparts magazine and the Communist newspaper People's World, both in San Francisco; the Carmel

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home and Chicago office of the late social activist Saul Alinsky, a Chavez supporter; the San Jose Peace Center, the Catholic Social Justice Office and the offices of San Jose attorneys John Thorne and William Stanton, a former assemblyman.

All the burglaries involved material of a political nature such as correspondence, film, mailing lists and manuscripts.

Ducote said last year that there was never any evidence developed to link the Chavez movement to Communists, despite such belief by some growers.

His allegations of grower involvement have been made to several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, which carried out a cursory investigation last year, and the California Department of Justice.

But there is no indication that any law enforcement agency has either taken seriously or attempted to validate his allegations.

Ducote has indicated he has evidence to implicate the growers, including travel records and cancelled checks and has said previously that he would make them available in exchange for immunity from prosecution. So far, no one has taken up his offer.

Whenever Ducote tells his story, it is laced with hints that people in high places knew of and approved of the burglaries.

There is no doubt that Ducote has worked on the fringes of the grower-UFW controversy. In 1973, when a

series of arsonist-set fires destroyed some packing sheds in the Delano area, Ducote presented himself as a private investigator to law enforcement officials investigating the blazes.

Investigator Buel Goldsmith of the California Division of Forestry in Tulare recalled in an interview last year that Ducote had provided several tips to possible suspects, none of which panned out.

In 1969, Ducote, together with Stephen d'Arrigo, a Salinas lettuce grower, and a former Santa Clara farm bureau official — incorporated a book publishing company, according to corporation records filed in Sacramento.

The St. Dismas Publishing Co. published one book — a critical examination of Alinsky and his social organizing techniques — and was suspended from doing business in California in 1973 for nonpayment of taxes.

Ducote's name was first linked publicly to the burglaries in September of last year, when Ramparts magazine filed a \$30 million damage suit against him in San Francisco Superior Court.

Since the lawsuit was filed, attorney for Ramparts have attempted unsuccessfully to take a deposition from Ducote, hoping to have him spell out who, if anyone else, was also involved in the burglary which occurred in 1967.

But Ducote has declined to give the deposition.

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AIRMAIL

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FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (P)

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(415) 557-3926

December 10, 1975

Honorable James L. Browning, Jr.
United States Attorney
Northern District of California
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Mr. Browning:

In 1966 and 1967, it appears that a series of break-ins occurred, chiefly in California perpetrated by Jerome J. Ducote, San Jose, California, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] California. The avowed purpose of these break-ins was to demonstrate the suspected Communist affiliations of the targeted individual, association, or corporation.

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A list of the claimed break-ins is as follows:

1. San Jose Peace Center, 235 North 1st Street, San Jose, California.
2. Residence of Grace McDonald, 740 Hilmar Street, Santa Clara, California.
3. Ramparts Magazine, 301 Broadway, San Francisco, California.
4. United Farm Workers Organization, Delano, California.
5. Residence of Saul Alinsky, Carmel, California.
6. Industrial Areas Foundation, Inc., 8 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.
7. Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, 449 - 14th Street, San Francisco.
8. United Committee Against the War, 2001 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California.

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9. The American Russian Institute, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.
10. Business office of Attorney John Thorn, 510 North 3rd Street, San Jose, California.
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12. People's World, 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco, California.
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16. The Philippine Social Hall, Delano, California.
17. Concerned Citizens of Palo Alto, California.

It has also been claimed that these break-ins were performed with the knowledge and tacit approval of both local and national authorities specifically including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In addition to the already named persons, others are alleged to have had access to the information and documents obtained by these break-ins and to have passed this information to interested governmental agencies. In particular Lawrence V. Cott, San Rafael, California, formerly employed by Western Research Bureau then of San Francisco, California is said to have passed stolen documents to the F.B.I. Mr. Cott has denied this.

Among those who have claimed F.B.I. knowledge of these break-ins are:

- ✓ Jerry C. Boyes - Los Gatos, California
- ✓ [redacted] - San Jose, California
- ✓ [redacted] Sunnyvale, California

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✓ Jerome Cohen, Attorney - Salinas, California.

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✓ Robert Kenneth Wilhelm - Los Altos, California

✓ [redacted] - Delano, California

✓ [redacted] - San Jose, California

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Attached is a representative sample of the documents obtained in the break-ins. Would you please ascertain if any of these documents have found their way into the F.B.I.'s possession. If they have, may we please be informed of how, when and from whom these were obtained. With this assistance, we may be able to resolve present conflicts in testimony regarding Mr. Cott and decide what further action should be taken in his case.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter. In addition, we also wish to obtain copies of any reports detailing the actual contacts made by the above persons with the F.B.I. so that we may properly evaluate and meet claims that these persons were acting under the instigation, direction or tacit acquiescence of the F.B.I.

Very truly yours,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
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Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Charles Bates, Special Agent in Charge
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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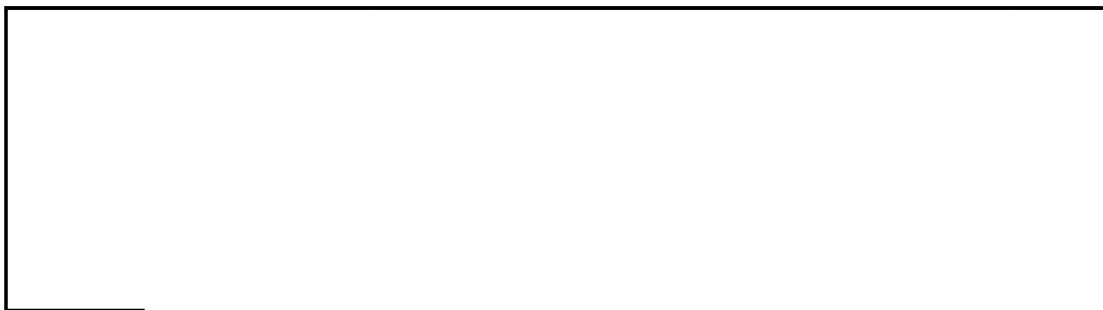
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Sacramento and San Francisco should insure that a thorough and complete investigation is conducted re the allegations made by Ducote that at the time of the burglary, he was working for the FBI or the CIA and that he later turned copies of the stolen UFW records over to the FBI.

San Francisco insure leads set out by Sacramento via referenced communication are handled expeditiously. San Francisco is instructed to conduct logical investigation including appropriate investigation at Western Research, Oakland, and a reinterview of Joseph Ducote, [redacted] and other reported witnesses to

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On 12/22/75 JOHN LILLY, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, advised that JEROME DUCOTE had been arrested by them and incarcerated in the Santa Clara County Jail with bail set in the amount of \$100,000. He is charged with 14 counts of Grand Theft and Possessing and Concealing Stolen Property. LILLY stated that in their continuing investigation they now find that DUCOTE merely alluded to dealing with some security agency and that other people concluded that it must be the CIA or FBI.

A news article concerning DUCOTE's arrest is enclosed herewith. His incarceration may preclude an expeditious interview of DUCOTE as directed.

San Francisco is now in receipt of a copy of the letter directed by the State Attorney Generals to the United States Attorney with the specifics of their allegations. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the Bureau, Sacramento and Butte.

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San Francisco will respond appropriately to this letter with a copy to the United States Attorney refuting the allegations in their entirety, UACB. The representative sample of the documents mentioned in the Attorney General's letter has been forwarded to this office by the United States Attorney.

San Francisco is pursuing this matter as directed in referenced Bureau airtel and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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Santa Clara Ex-Deputy Faces 14 Theft Counts

A former sheriff's deputy has been arrested in San Jose on charges apparently stemming from a series of burglaries the suspect claims were financed by California growers to discredit farm labor leader Cesar Chavez.

Jerry Ducote, 46, a one-time Santa Clara deputy, was taken into custody yesterday on seven counts of concealing stolen property and 14 counts of grand theft. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Authorities said the arrest was the result of a joint investigation by the Santa Clara and the State Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

Although Ducote has said he was paid by unidentified growers to burglarize a number of groups in the late 1960s in an effort to link the United Farm Workers to Communists, the complaint did not mention his involvement in the burglaries.

Nor was there any indication that the two agencies had gathered any evidence to substantiate Ducote's allegations.

However, authorities said they have recovered documents taken in

seven of the 15 burglaries that Ducote contends he participated in. Among them were the Delano headquarters of the UFW, the San Jose Peace Center, and homes of persons sympathetic to the UFW.

In an interview with the The Fresno Bee in 1973, Ducote said, "The original purpose was to get as much information as possible to show the Communist or radical influence on the (UFW) to discredit Chavez. We also wanted to know the operation of the union and to use the information to discredit him in the eyes of the Catholic Church."

Ducote later took his story and documents to the state bureau of investigation, apparently touching off the investigation.

The charges of grand theft grow out of a series of loans made to Ducote by a group of San Jose residents from December 1973 to April of this year.

According to authorities, Ducote said he needed the money to finance an investigation of the UFW and to uncover evidence of wrong doing by the union.

Authorities said Ducote signed promissory notes on loans of from \$20,000 to \$30,000, but did not repay them.

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Political Burglar's Thrilling Tales

By Rick Carroll

Jerry Ducote, who claimed that California growers hired him to discredit Cesar Chavez as a Communist, is, according to those who know him, part con-man, part madman, but always a first rate raconteur.

His stories may not always be true, but they are always good ones, say those who knew him years ago in police work, then in Republican politics and, more recently, in plush private cocktail lounges where he spent his evenings regaling young ladies with his thrilling tales.

The 46-year-old former Santa Clara county deputy sheriff now is in a jail cell, held in lieu of \$100,000 bail and charged with more than a score of felonies because he told an investigator from the state Department of Justice his best story yet, a story of political espionage involving burglaries, kickbacks and shakedown and possibly a coverup, a little Water-gate.

He will appear publicly for the first time since his arrest when he enters a plea tomorrow in San Jose Municipal Court. He is charged with 14 counts of grand theft and seven counts of concealing stolen property.

Ducote—a tall, lean, hard-muscled and well-tanned man retains an impressive image even in the mind of Suzy Grimmer, one

of 13 Santa Clara county residents who claim he bilked them of more than a total of \$15,000 ostensibly to help finance his expose of Chavez.

"He dresses 'like a big-game hunter,' said Mrs. Grimmer, a divorcee who further described him as a 'nice looking charmer' and a 'great friend. She claimed he took her for \$5,000.

"A big spender, a big tipper, always buying drinks for others," she added.

He told friends his late-model car was supplied by the government. He lived in a suite at San Jose's fancy Le Baron Hotel, where as a non-member he appeared often in the members-only "Jabberwocky Club" with a "different, pretty lady almost every night," according to a female regular at the club.

A native of San Jose, educated by Jesuits, he never went to college, marrying instead and fathering eight children. He was divorced earlier this year.

In 1963 he resigned from the Santa Clara county sheriffs department in which he was a detective.

A high placed source says that Ducote was about to be fired.

It could have been because he moonlighted as the owner of a right-wing shop, peddling John Birch tracts from his American

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JERRY DUCOTE
He'll plead tomorrow

Opinion Book Store in downtown San Jose.

He was often controversial and once sued the city of San Jose, demanding officials cease flying the United Nations flag at city hall.

He lost the suit but won election in 1966 as chairman of the Young Republicans of Santa Clara county, a position in which he came to be regarded by even the most dedicated right-winger as one of "the super-crazy fringe," according to Michael Cobb, former state president of the Young Republicans and current chair-

man of the Santa Clara county Republican Central Committee.

"He used to always talk about Communist conspiracies in the farm workers even back then. I took Jerry Ducote with a grain of salt," Cobb said.

In 1964 Ducote entered politics as a candidate for the 25th Assembly District, unsuccessfully opposing incumbent William Stanton whose San Jose law office Ducote later admitted burglarizing).

Two years later the Republican Central Committee on a vote purged Ducote of its membership and drove him from the party.

His public and political life over, Ducote then stooped to the crime of political burglary, and brought his police skills into perverse play against the left wing in general and Cesar Chavez in particular.

Raconteur or psychopath, burglar or superpatriot, spy or agent provocateur: the whole truth of Ducote may never be known. His incredible story may be part fiction or part fantasy, or he could be telling the truth—for once.

All that state investigators know (or will say) for sure is that, upon Ducote's confessions, they recovered boxes of stolen documents from his ex-wife's garage and solved 17 political

burglaries committed a decade ago.

The solution came too late, however, to process anyone for burglary, since the three-year-old statute of limitations expired five years ago.

And, investigators say, the stolen files and documents which passed through who knows how many hands may be returned to their rightful owners soon.

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Ex-Deputy Held In Burglaries

SAN JOSE (AP) — A former Santa Clara County deputy sheriff and onetime president of the county's Young Republican Club has been arrested in connection with a series of political burglaries dating back nearly a decade.

Jerome Ducote, 46, was booked into county jail Monday for investigation of 21 felonies, and was held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

The report includes a lengthy interview with Ducote in which he admits committing 17 burglaries, most of them in 1966 and 1967. Some of his targets included a United Farm Workers office in Delano, Ramparts Magazine, several anti-Vietnam War groups and a Communist newspaper called People's World.

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Ducote said that he and his colleagues have provided all subversive information obtained to the California House Committee on Un-American Activities and that he had met with members of that committee on numerous occasions. He stated that he and his colleagues have made all information available to Western Research, a private organization in the Bay Area that maintains an index of public source information concerning subversives and subversive activities.

Ducote stated that he went to Washington two months before the interview and met with Congressman Charles Gubser, Chief Consul for the HCUA, Chief Investigator for HCUA, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, and he said he believed that a Bureau representative was present.

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Ducote told the Agents that he had told several people that he had consulted with the HCUA and that this statement might have been passed on with the impression that he was actually an employee of the HCUA. Ducote denied having impersonated personnel of the HCUA and said he was sorry if he left that impression with anyone.

The facts of this matter were discussed with the United States Attorney's Office and prosecution was declined.

On December 12, 1974, [redacted] visited the Palo Alto Resident Agency of the FBI, where she made a complaint against Jerome Joseph Ducote. [redacted] said Ducote gained her confidence by claiming to be a consultant to the HCUA, and in reliance upon this she gave him approximately \$3,000, which he refused to pay back when demanded by her. [redacted] advised Agents that Ducote claimed to her to be a

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consultant to the HCUA, and he further identified himself as the former Sheriff of the Santa Clara County. During the time [] worked with Ducote in attempting to set up schools for farm labor children, Ducote said he was working on this project with James L. Browning, United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. According to Ducote, Browning was going to assist him in obtaining Federal money for the school.

The facts in this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Jerry K. Cimmet on February 18, 1975, at which time Mr. Cimmet declined prosecution.

Ducote, using the alias Fred Schwartz, held a pre-arranged meeting with Jerry Cohen, Chief Council, United Farm Workers, Keene, California, on March 25, 1974 at Bakersfield, California. Schwartz claimed to have documents taken in robberies and burglaries which were carried out at the direction of two California growers which would be of interest to the United Farm Workers, and which Schwartz offered to sell Cohen for \$35,000.

Another meeting between Cohen and Schwartz took place at Bakersfield on March 31, 1974, and this meeting resulted in the identification of Schwartz as Jerry Joseph Ducote, born June 28, 1929 at Gulfport, Mississippi, and at that time a resident of 1528 Hanchette, San Jose, California. During the meeting of March 31, 1974, Ducote lowered his price to \$25,000 and named three California growers allegedly involved in this matter. Ducote exhibited to Cohen a list of burglaries conducted by him, and he said the burglaries were committed at the direction of, one, a large grape grower in Delano, California, and the other a [] first name not given. b7C

On April 1, 1974, Ducote telephoned Cohen and asked for \$600 to \$1000 immediate cash, which he said he needed for bail.

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SAMUEL R. ALVIDREZ
Also Known As
Sam Alvid

On October 20, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] California Self-Help Service Corps.,
Morgan Hill, California, an adjunct of OEO, reported to the
FBI that Sam Alvid had impersonated an OEO agent when calling
upon [redacted] at Morgan Hill, California. According to
[redacted] Alvid was conducting an investigation of OEO as a
private investigator and was obtaining information relating
to the project and various proposals. Upon interview by
SAs of the FBI, Alvid denied the allegation of impersonation
and claimed that he obtained only information available to
any citizen under the provisions of the Poverty Act.
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) John J. Bartko
declined prosecution stating that the impersonation was not
clearly established.

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[redacted]
[redacted] San Jose, an
[redacted] witnessed a Bureau auto accident in 1972
and furnished a statement to an SA of the FBI at that time.
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San Jose Resident Agency and asked for SA [redacted] by name. He
arranged for an interview of one of his close friends, Jerry
Boyes, who he said had important information to furnish.

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JERRY CLARK BOYES

In May, 1971, Boyes made a complaint to the Referee in Bankruptcy, San Jose, California concerning alleged improprieties in connection with bankruptcy proceedings concerning several companies he had an interest in. Boyes was interviewed on two occasions and was unable to furnish any specific information with respect to this matter. His attorney was interviewed, and the attorney said he was unaware of any basis for the allegations made by Boyes.

At 5:30 a.m., July 3, 1960, Jerry Boyes telephonically contacted the San Francisco FBI Office and said he was reluctant to state what he wanted to discuss but that he must talk to an Agent personally at once. After a short discussion he indicated he was host to a foreign visitor whom he thinks is a representative of the Secretary of the Interior to Iran. The affair was set up by the Recreation Department for the City of San Jose. Boyes said that after dinner his wife and the guest began drinking very heavily and became involved in a manner that he did not approve of. He said that he got into a fistfight with the guest and broke his fist during the fight.

Boyes appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office on September 11, 1973 and indicated that his ex-wife is married to a man who is a close associate of Angelo Marino, a reported Mafia member in the San Jose, California area.

On March 29, 1971, Boyes appeared at the San Francisco FBI Office and advised that he was being squeezed out by local politicians which amounted to thousands of dollars. Boyes at this time said he was in the business of factory producing homes under the name of Unlimited Shelters Amalgamated of Santa Clara, California. He claimed he is a close associate of "communist hunter" Ken Wilhelm and [redacted] of San Jose. He claimed his attorney was "selling him out". He named a great number of people in Santa Clara County, leading politicians of the state, including then Governor Reagan, the head of the State Highway Commission, Wayne Valle - [redacted]

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[redacted] Angelo Marino, Paul - Sasko Construction Company, [redacted] San Jose, Senator Alan Cranston, and others involved in a giant conspiracy with the "syndicate" and through them money is being shifted into and out of California for the purposes of making San Francisco the world's largest syndicate controlled port. Boyes believed that he knows so much about all of these people that the FBI should be able to see the overall picture and should therefore rescue him from his predicament, which was bankruptcy.

On January 11, 1974, [redacted] Avenue, San Jose, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and arranged to meet him where an individual with very important information for the Bureau would be available.

Upon arrival at the appointed place, [redacted] was not present; but an individual who identified himself as Jerry Boyes, furnished the following information:

Boyes said that he had been married three times, and his second wife, [redacted] was now in the process of suing him for child support, fraud, and various other charges. Boyes explained that he is employed on a part-time basis as a dance instructor for the San Jose Recreation Department and that he presently resides at 15902 Longwood Drive, Los Gatos, California. b7C

Boyes pointed out by way of background that he patented the idea, and later sold through Sears company, the "add-a-room". He said this venture failed, and he later was involved in the production of modular homes at Santa Clara, California. Boyes said that he was eased out of the company into bankruptcy by the U.S. Financial Corporation, which he claims is headed up by [redacted]
[redacted]

Boyes said that his grandfather subdivided the City of Whittier, California, therefore he has been "close" to the Nixon family for years. Boyes claimed to be on a first name basis with Haldeman and Erlichman, former advisors to former President Nixon.

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Boyes said that he has been close to Ken Wilhelm, Republican leader in Santa Clara County, until recently was Secretary of the Farm Bureau in Santa Clara County. Boyes feels now that information furnished by him to Wilhelm was in turn given to the Mafia and the Communist Party.

At this point in the conversation [] appeared and said that the story Boyes had to tell might sound "far out" but he had checked it and feels that Boyes is "onto something".

Boyes said that he visited his daughter in Paris, California in October, 1973, at which time the daughter told him that Boyes' first wife was involved in picking up packages at National City, California at an unnamed motel and delivering them to [] in care of [] Albany, Oregon. He said he did not know whether the packages contained narcotics, money being brought into the country by [] or possibly photographs to be used in a mail scheme.

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Boyes claimed that one [] told him several years ago that he was working "with the FBI". He described [] as a close friend of former Santa Clara County Judge Maurice Hardeman, who was convicted of arson, removed from the bench, and disbarred. According to Boyes, [] through the efforts and cooperation of Judge Hardeman when he was presiding in a Santa Clara County Courtroom.

Boyes claims that he was in Los Angeles during October or November, 1973, at which time he made an appointment to tell his story to Jack Cox, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr. He said that Cox did not keep the appointment, and he went to the U.S. Secret Service in Los Angeles, whereupon he entered an interview room with a Secret Service Agent and observed a photograph of the West Coast Mafia Family on the wall of the interview room. Boyes said the interviewing Agent was identical to one of the individuals in the photograph.

Boyes further indicated that he assisted in the settlement of an Army contract at Sharpe Army Depot, Stockton,

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California, and as a result received \$5,000. He said that he gave \$2800 of that money to Ken Wilhelm, who said he was donating that to Congressman Charles Gubser. Boyes said that when a list of Gubser's contributors was published, Boyes' name did not appear.

On January 14, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted the San Jose Resident Agency and said that Jerry Boyes had additional information which the FBI should have immediately. At 4 p.m., January 14, 1974, Boyes appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency and exhibited an envelope containing an offer from "Kiplinger Newsletter", Washington, D.C., offering a trial subscription. Boyes pointed out that he wrote a letter to Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr., and this Kiplinger letter was a signal to Boyes that the communists had determined that he was corresponding with Congressman Goldwater.

ROBERT KENNETH WILHELM

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The files of the San Francisco Office indicate that R. Ken Wilhelm, Executive Secretary, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, 1092 North First Street, San Jose, California, appeared with two other individuals at the San Francisco Office of the FBI on April 18, 1958. These men advised they wished to report information concerning the farm situation in Santa Clara County, which to them indicates possible subversive activities. They named several individuals in the San Jose area they felt were key figures in subversive activities.

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LAWRENCE VERNON COTT

The files of the San Francisco Office indicate that Cott was an assistant to Harper L. Knowles, Director of Western Research Foundation, from 1963 until 1968, at which time he moved to New York City where he was one of the editors of "Combat", a publication of National Review, Inc.

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The following investigation was conducted at
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On December 29, 1975, WILLIAM HOFFMAN, Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, 234 E. Gish Road, advised that he did not have any direct knowledge that JEROME DUCOTE had provided documents to any Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. HOFFMAN advised that he first became aware of DUCOTE's activities with respect to several burglaries in Delano, California, and his possession of stolen documents, approximately two months ago. HOFFMAN advised that the statute had run out on the burglaries and he was proceeding against DUCOTE for the possession of stolen documents. HOFFMAN advised that the persons most familiar with this matter and would know if DUCOTE ever made any statements that he had turned over documents to the FBI were JOHN LILLY of the California State Attorney General's Office in San Francisco, California, and BOB MCCOLLUM of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

On December 29, 1975, BOB MCCOLLUM, Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, 234 E. Gish Road, advised that DUCOTE never told him directly that DUCOTE had turned over documents to the FBI. MCCOLLUM advised that as he recalled the documents were given to Western Research in Oakland, California. MCCOLLUM advised that WALTER KUBIAS, California State Department of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, had originally talked to DUCOTE and had obtained a signed statement from DUCOTE pertaining to the burglaries that DUCOTE has been alleged to have been involved in and also as to the distribution of the documents taken in the burglaries.

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Ducote advised that he has never worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever meet any agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were acting undercover in any capacity.

Ducote advised that on February 14, 1975, he met with Walter Kubias, California State Department, Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and provided Kubias with approximately a ninety-five page statement pertaining to his (Ducote's) involvement in the burglaries of the United Farm Worker's Union in Delano, California. Ducote advised that at that time, Kubias made him a promise of no prosecution if he was to tell everything he knew. Ducote advised that the Attorney General's Office in the State of California apparently sat on this matter until October 15, 1975, when it was again brought to light. He advised that apparently John Lilly of the California State Attorney General's Office took over the investigation from Kubias.

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Ducote advised that during his discussions with Kubias he at no time ever mentioned or stated that he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever state that he had given documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further advised that no names of FBI agents were ever mentioned in his discussions with Kubias.

Ducote advised that Western Research, which is located in Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he (Ducote) had in his possession. Ducote said that he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based on the way the person was dressed and his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what he believed were two meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings, but that the contact was made by the Farmer's Union. Ducote did not comment further on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned that it might jeopardize his current position. Ducote advised that he also thought that at one time he had met with an Air Force intelligence officer with respect to the matter.

In addition, the following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Jerome Joseph Ducote
Home address	2108 Belaire San Jose, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 28, 1929
Height	6'3"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
California State	
Bureau of Criminal	
Identification and	
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On December 31, 1975, attempt to contact JERRY COHEN revealed that he was out of town until approximately January 5, 1976.

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MINUTEMEN

The Minutemen organization was organized in 1960, reportedly to resist the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. Robert B. DePugh, national coordinator of the Minutemen, was sentenced in October, 1970, for violations of the Federal Firearms Act. At the time of his arrest DePugh was in possession of documents concerned with guerrilla warfare and other paraphernalia, including hand grenades, gun silencers, and a machine gun. DePugh was released on parole during April, 1973, and in June, 1973, indicated he planned to revitalize the Minutemen into a "two-armed organization." Arm number one was to be utilized as a political front organization to sway elections and control local and state political structures. Arm number two was to be an underground guerrilla organization made up of "strike teams." These "strike teams" are to be under direct control of DePugh and their existence is to be unknown to everyone, including Minutemen State Coordinators.

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Church of San Francisco in ferreting out subversive elements in the leadership of the church. He said he was presently engaged with Kenneth Wilhelm, former director of a farm bureau of Santa Clara County, and [redacted] California, in investigating un-American activities in California.

Ducote said that he and his colleagues have provided all subversive information obtained to the California House Committee on Un-American Activities and that he had met with members of that committee on numerous occasions. He stated that he and his colleagues have made all information available to Western Research, a private organization in the Bay Area that maintains an index of public source information concerning subversives and subversive activities.

Ducote stated that he went to Washington two months before the interview and met with Congressman Charles Gubser, Chief Consul for the HCUA, Chief Investigator for HCUA, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, and he said he believed that a Bureau representative was present.

Ducote told the Agents that he had told several people that he had consulted with the HCUA and that this statement might have been passed on with the impression that he was actually an employee of the HCUA. Ducote denied having impersonated personnel of the HCUA and said he was sorry if he left that impression with anyone.

The facts of this matter were discussed with the United States Attorney's Office and prosecution was declined.

On December 12, 1974, [redacted] visited the Palo Alto Resident Agency of the FBI, where she made a complaint against Jerome Joseph Ducote. [redacted] said Ducote gained her confidence by claiming to be a consultant to the HCUA, and in reliance upon this she gave him approximately \$3,000, which he refused to pay back when demanded by her. [redacted] advised Agents that Ducote claimed to her to be a

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consultant to the HCUA, and he further identified himself as the former Sheriff of the Santa Clara County. During the time [] worked with Ducote in attempting to set up schools for farm labor children, Ducote said he was working on this project with James L. Browning, United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. According to Ducote, Browning was going to assist him in obtaining Federal money for the school.

The facts in this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Jerry K. Cimmet on February 18, 1975, at which time Mr. Cimmet declined prosecution.

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Ducote, using the alias Fred Schwartz, held a pre-arranged meeting with Jerry Cohen, Chief Council, United Farm Workers, Keene, California, on March 25, 1974 at Bakersfield, California. Schwartz claimed to have documents taken in robberies and burglaries which were carried out at the direction of two California growers which would be of interest to the United Farm Workers, and which Schwartz offered to sell Cohen for \$35,000.

Another meeting between Cohen and Schwartz took place at Bakersfield on March 31, 1974, and this meeting resulted in the identification of Schwartz as Jerry Joseph Ducote, born June 28, 1929 at Gulfport, Mississippi, and at that time a resident of 1528 Hanchette, San Jose, California. During the meeting of March 31, 1974, Ducote lowered his price to \$25,000 and named three California growers allegedly involved in this matter. Ducote exhibited to Cohen a list of burglaries conducted by him, and he said the burglaries were committed at the direction of, one, a large grape grower in Delano, California, and the other a [] first name not given.

On April 1, 1974, Ducote telephoned Cohen and asked for \$600 to \$1000 immediate cash, which he said he needed for bail.

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SAMUEL R. ALVIDREZ
Also known As
Sam Alvid

On October 20, 1966, [redacted]
[redacted] California Self-Help Service Corps.,
Morgan Hill, California, an adjunct of OEO, reported to the
FBI that Sam Alvid had impersonated an OEO agent when calling
upon [redacted] at Morgan Hill, California. According to
[redacted] Alvid was conducting an investigation of OEO as a
private investigator and was obtaining information relating
to the project and various proposals. Upon interview by
SAs of the FBI, Alvid denied the allegation of impersonation
and claimed that he obtained only information available to
any citizen under the provisions of the Poverty Act.
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) John J. Bartko
declined prosecution stating that the impersonation was not
clearly established.

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[redacted] San Jose, an
[redacted] witnessed a Bureau auto accident in 1972
and furnished a statement to an SA of the FBI at that time.
On January 11, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted the
San Jose Resident Agency and asked for SA [redacted] by name. He
arranged for an interview of one of his close friends, Jerry
Boyes, who he said had important information to furnish.

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JERRY CLARK BOYES

In May, 1971, Boyes made a complaint to the Referee in Bankruptcy, San Jose, California concerning alleged improprieties in connection with bankruptcy proceedings concerning several companies he had an interest in. Boyes was interviewed on two occasions and was unable to furnish any specific information with respect to this matter. His attorney was interviewed, and the attorney said he was unaware of any basis for the allegations made by Boyes.

At 5:30 a.m., July 3, 1960, Jerry Boyes telephonically contacted the San Francisco FBI Office and said he was reluctant to state what he wanted to discuss but that he must talk to an Agent personally at once. After a short discussion he indicated he was host to a foreign visitor whom he thinks is a representative of the Secretary of the Interior to Iran. The affair was set up by the Recreation Department for the City of San Jose. Boyes said that after dinner his wife and the guest began drinking very heavily and became involved in a manner that he did not approve of. He said that he got into a fistfight with the guest and broke his fist during the fight.

Boyes appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office on September 11, 1973 and indicated that his ex-wife is married to a man who is a close associate of Angelo Marino, a reported Mafia member in the San Jose, California area.

On March 29, 1971, Boyes appeared at the San Francisco FBI Office and advised that he was being squeezed out by local politicians which amounted to thousands of dollars. Boyes at this time said he was in the business of factory producing homes under the name of Unlimited Shelters Amalgamated of Santa Clara, California. He claimed he is a close associate of "communist hunter" Ken Wilhelm and [redacted] of San Jose. He claimed his attorney was "selling him out". He named a great number of people in Santa Clara County, leading politicians of the state, including then Governor Reagan, the head of the State Highway Commission, Wayne Valle - [redacted]

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[redacted] Angelo Marino, Paul - Sasko Construction Company, [redacted] San Jose, Senator Alan Cranston, and others involved in a giant conspiracy with the "syndicate" and through them money is being shifted into and out of California for the purposes of making San Francisco the world's largest syndicate controlled port. Boyes believed that he knows so much about all of these people that the FBI should be able to see the overall picture and should therefore rescue him from his predicament, which was bankruptcy.

On January 11, 1974, [redacted] Avenue, San Jose, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and arranged to meet him where an individual with very important information for the Bureau would be available.

Upon arrival at the appointed place, [redacted] was not present; but an individual who identified himself as Jerry Boyes, furnished the following information:

Boyes said that he had been married three times, and his second wife, [redacted] was now in the process of suing him for child support, fraud, and various other charges. Boyes explained that he is employed on a part-time basis as a dance instructor for the San Jose Recreation Department and that he presently resides at 15902 Longwood Drive, Los Gatos, California. b7C

Boyes pointed out by way of background that he patented the idea, and later sold through Sears company, the "add-a-room". He said this venture failed, and he later was involved in the production of modular homes at Santa Clara, California. Boyes said that he was eased out of the company into bankruptcy by the U.S. Financial Corporation, which he claims is headed up by [redacted]
[redacted]

Boyes said that his grandfather subdivided the City of Whittier, California, therefore he has been "close" to the Nixon family for years. Boyes claimed to be on a first name basis with Haldeman and Erlichman, former advisors to former President Nixon.

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Boyes said that he has been close to Ken Wilhelm, Republican leader in Santa Clara County, until recently was Secretary of the Farm Bureau in Santa Clara County. Boyes feels now that information furnished by him to Wilhelm was in turn given to the Mafia and the Communist Party.

At this point in the conversation [] appeared and said that the story Boyes had to tell might sound "far out" but he had checked it and feels that Boyes is "onto something".

Boyes said that he visited his daughter in Paris, California in October, 1973, at which time the daughter told him that Boyes' first wife was involved in picking up packages at National City, California at an unnamed motel and delivering them to [] in care of [] Albany, Oregon. He said he did not know whether the packages contained narcotics, money being brought into the country by [] or possibly photographs to be used in a mail scheme. b7C

Boyes claimed that one [] told him several years ago that he was working "with the FBI". He described [] as a close friend of former Santa Clara County Judge Maurice Hardeman, who was convicted of arson, removed from the bench, and disbarred. According to Boyes, [] through the efforts and cooperation of Judge Hardeman when he was presiding in a Santa Clara County Courtroom.

Boyes claims that he was in Los Angeles during October or November, 1973, at which time he made an appointment to tell his story to Jack Cox, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr. He said that Cox did not keep the appointment, and he went to the U.S. Secret Service in Los Angeles, whereupon he entered an interview room with a Secret Service Agent and observed a photograph of the West Coast Mafia Family on the wall of the interview room. Boyes said the interviewing Agent was identical to one of the individuals in the photograph.

Boyes further indicated that he assisted in the settlement of an Army contract at Sharpe Army Depot, Stockton,

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California, and as a result received \$5,000. He said that he gave \$2800 of that money to Ken Wilhelm, who said he was donating that to Congressman Charles Gubser. Boyes said that when a list of Gubser's contributors was published, Boyes' name did not appear.

On January 14, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted the San Jose Resident Agency and said that Jerry Boyes had additional information which the FBI should have immediately. At 4 p.m., January 14, 1974, Boyes appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency and exhibited an envelope containing an offer from "Kiplinger Newsletter", Washington, D.C., offering a trial subscription. Boyes pointed out that he wrote a letter to Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr., and this Kiplinger letter was a signal to Boyes that the communists had determined that he was corresponding with Congressman Goldwater.

ROBERT KENNETH WILHELM

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The files of the San Francisco Office indicate that R. Ken Wilhelm, Executive Secretary, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, 1092 North First Street, San Jose, California, appeared with two other individuals at the San Francisco Office of the FBI on April 18, 1958. These men advised they wished to report information concerning the farm situation in Santa Clara County, which to them indicates possible subversive activities. They named several individuals in the San Jose area they felt were key figures in subversive activities.

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The files of the San Francisco FBI indicate that

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LAWRENCE VERNON COTT

The files of the San Francisco Office indicate that Cott was an assistant to Harper L. Knowles, Director of Western Research Foundation, from 1963 until 1968, at which time he moved to New York City where he was one of the editors of "Combat", a publication of National Review, Inc.

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The following investigation was conducted at
San Jose, California:

On December 29, 1975, WILLIAM HOFFMAN, Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, 234 E. Gish Road, advised that he did not have any direct knowledge that JEROME DUCOTE had provided documents to any Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. HOFFMAN advised that he first became aware of DUCOTE's activities with respect to several burglaries in Delano, California, and his possession of stolen documents, approximately two months ago. HOFFMAN advised that the statute had run out on the burglaries and he was proceeding against DUCOTE for the possession of stolen documents. HOFFMAN advised that the persons most familiar with this matter and would know if DUCOTE ever made any statements that he had turned over documents to the FBI were JOHN LILLY of the California State Attorney General's Office in San Francisco, California, and BOB McCOLLUM of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

On December 29, 1975, BOB McCOLLUM, Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, 234 E. Gish Road, advised that DUCOTE never told him directly that DUCOTE had turned over documents to the FBI. McCOLLUM advised that as he recalled the documents were given to Western Research in Oakland, California. McCOLLUM advised that WALTER KUBIAS, California State Department of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, had originally talked to DUCOTE and had obtained a signed statement from DUCOTE pertaining to the burglaries that DUCOTE has been alleged to have been involved in and also as to the distribution of the documents taken in the burglaries.

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On December 24, 1975, Jerome Joseph Ducote, Inmate, Santa Clara County Jail, North County Facilities, Palo Alto, California, was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Ducote was advised of the purpose of the interview, that being Ducote's supposedly having worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and turning over documents to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, these documents being taken from numerous burglaries alleged to have been committed by Ducote in Delano, California. Ducote was advised of his rights by means of a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which Ducote read, stated that he understood, but before signing he wanted to telephonically contact his attorney, Thomas Salciccia and obtain his okay before doing so. Ducote telephonically contacted his attorney and on the advice of his attorney, signed the Warning and Waiver of Rights form.

Ducote advised that he has never worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever meet any agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were acting undercover in any capacity.

Ducote advised that on February 14, 1975, he met with Walter Kubias, California State Department, Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and provided Kubias with approximately a ninety-five page statement pertaining to his (Ducote's) involvement in the burglaries of the United Farm Worker's Union in Delano, California. Ducote advised that at that time, Kubias made him a promise of no prosecution if he was to tell everything he knew. Ducote advised that the Attorney General's Office in the State of California apparently sat on this matter until October 15, 1975, when it was again brought to light. He advised that apparently John Lilly of the California State Attorney General's Office took over the investigation from Kubias.

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Ducote advised that during his discussions with Kubias he at no time ever mentioned or stated that he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever state that he had given documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further advised that no names of FBI agents were ever mentioned in his discussions with Kubias.

Ducote advised that Western Research, which is located in Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he (Ducote) had in his possession. Ducote said that he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based on the way the person was dressed and his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what he believed were two meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings, but that the contact was made by the Farmer's Union. Ducote did not comment further on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned that it might jeopardize his current position. Ducote advised that he also thought that at one time he had met with an Air Force intelligence officer with respect to the matter.

In addition, the following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Jerome Joseph Ducote
Home address	2108 Belaire San Jose, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 28, 1929
Height	6'3"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) Number	5 407 222
CJIC Number	7557284
Scars	Scar on left forearm

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On December 29 and December 30, 1975, attempts to contact JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel in California for United Farm Workers, at Salinas, California, telephone number (408) 424-4136, proved unsuccessful. A message was left to have COHEN contacted SA [redacted] at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in San Jose, California. b7C

On December 31, 1975, attempt to contact JERRY COHEN revealed that he was out of town until approximately January 5, 1976.

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Date: 1/2/76

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)(P) *

SUBJECT: JOSEPH/JEROME DUCOTE aka 41-6887
 Jerry Ducote 2-161-1
 Fred Schwartz 2-161-1

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INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel 12/18/75, San Francisco letter to the Director 12/23/75 and California Attorney General EVELLE J. YOUNGER letter to United States Attorney JAMES L. BROWNING, Jr. dated 12/10/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are furnished Sacramento and one to Butte for information.

SAMUEL R. ALVIDREZ, aka Sam Alvid, furnished information mentioned in enclosed LHM to SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sunnyvale, California, furnished the information relative to the impersonation allegation to SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information to SAs at Coeur D' Alene, Idaho Resident Agency. b7C

Referenced California Attorney General letter states one [REDACTED] San Jose, California is alleged to have had access during 1975 to documents stolen from the San Jose Peace Center and stored by DUCOTE. There is insufficient background data furnished in referenced letter to fully identify [REDACTED]

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Regarding Western Research, it is to be noted that this source is handled exclusively by SA [redacted] [redacted] On 1/2/76, SA [redacted] determined that no one at Western Research will be available for interview until 1/5/76 at the earliest.

Copies of attached LHM are being furnished Mr. EVELLE J. YOUNGER, Attorney General, State of California, attention Mr. W. ERIC COLLINS, Deputy Attorney General. A copy of the letter of transmittal is enclosed. b7C

An affidavit has been obtained from SA [redacted] [redacted] denying the allegation that he directed activities of DUCOTE and that he received any materials from DUCOTE. The original is being maintained in SA [redacted] personnel file.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to the External Affairs Division in view of the interest shown by Congressman DON EDWARDS.

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RE BUAIRTEL TO SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER
18, 1975.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CASE AGENT, SA CONRAD N.
SHAW, SACRAMENTO DIVISION, WAS ON ANNUAL LEAVE UNTIL
JANUARY 2, 1976, NECESSITATING EXTENSION OF BUDEADLINE.
REQUEST OF AFFIDAVITS OF SA SHAW AND SA
WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU BY JANUARY 9, 1976.

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FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, JERRY COHEN, UNITED
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Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau (no copy to Butte) and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, both dated 1/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, for San Francisco five copies and for Butte one copy of LHM dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of sworn affidavits of SAs CONRAD W. SHAW and [REDACTED] of the Sacramento Division. (Originals of these statements are maintained in Agents' personnel files.)

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No further investigation appears necessary concerning this matter in the Sacramento Division at this time; however, it is felt that enclosed comprehensive LHM concerning prior investigation in this division may be of value to the Bureau and San Francisco for dissemination purposes.

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FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464)
SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka

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Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz
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Re ASAC LAWLER, San Francisco, telcall to ASAC,
Sacramento, 1/9/76.

Enclosed for San Francisco are the following items
requested by ASAC LAWLER:

- 1) Sacramento letter to Bureau, 7/1/74
- 2) Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 7/2/74
- 3) Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 5/20/74
- 4) Assn. AG letter to Bureau, 5/17/74
- 5) Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 3/29/74
- 6) Bureau memo to Assn. AG, 5/28/75

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Sacramento, California

January 9, 1976

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Also Known As
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Fred Schwartz;

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On March 27, 1974, the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice was telephonically contacted by Jerry Cohen, counsel for the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) in California. Cohen related that he had been contacted by a person who provided the name Fred Schwartz who purported to have information that three people had, at numerous times over the past several years, broken into various UFWU offices in California as well as offices of other organizations. Cohen received the impression that Schwartz was an attorney representing one of the persons responsible for the break-ins. Schwartz wanted \$35,000 for evidence he would provide linking numerous California growers to these break-ins. Cohen told the Justice Department that he had met with Schwartz on March 25, 1974, in Bakersfield, California, and Schwartz provided Cohen with brief glimpses of materials reportedly seized. Schwartz also provided a list of such places, including a UFWU office in Delano called the Filipino Hall, which Cohen stated was, in fact, an object of an armed robbery in 1973. Cohen stated that materials taken at that time were financial records of the union and records relating to activities covered by the Norris-La Guardia Labor Act. Schwartz further related that there were checks in existence that would establish a financial link between the alleged thieves and the growers. Schwartz was extremely anxious to raise the \$35,000 as his "client" was supposed to be charged that week with fraud by unknown prosecuting authorities.

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The Civil Rights Division requested that Jerry Cohen be interviewed for full details of his contacts with Fred Schwartz and that Schwartz be identified.

The resulting investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in connection with the above request is as follows:

Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel, UFWU, Keene, California, was contacted on March 28, 1974, and advised as follows:

On March 21, 1974, he received a telephone call from a male individual who said, "You will know me as Fred Schwartz", and indicated he was from San Francisco, California. Schwartz said he had some valuable information to sell concerning break-ins of UFWU offices, churches and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, in addition to certain individual residences.

On March 25, 1974, a prearranged meeting was held with Schwartz at the Hilton Inn bar in Bakersfield by Cohen and Dan Lavery, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney from Bakersfield and friend of Cohen. At this meeting, Schwartz had, in his possession, a file or folder approximately one inch thick which he said contained stolen UFWU or union related documents. Schwartz said these documents and papers were a sample of others that were accessible to him which were taken in various "robberies" or "from inside" UFWU by an informant, all at the direction of two California growers. Schwartz advised he represented a man who was to be indicted on March 29, 1974, for fraud and that he owes this man a favor. At times, Schwartz referred to the man as his client, the thief, and at other times, he mentioned his

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clients, indicating more than one person.

Schwartz exhibited to him a handwritten list of targets of past "robberies", and he recalled the following names from this list:

John Thorne - (Thorne is a San Jose Attorney who did some voluntary work for UFWU in 1965 and 1966.)

William Stanton - (A San Jose Attorney and friend of UFWU who has run for some state or county office in the past.)

Fred Hirsch - (A plumber by trade who was associated with UFWU up to the late sixties.) According to Schwartz, the Hirsch residence in San Jose was burglarized in the 1960s.

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, San Francisco, California.

The Filipino Hall, Delano, California, (This hall was the victim of an armed robbery during about 1968, at which time some UFWU documents were stolen.)

Sol Aulinsky Group of Chicago, Illinois, (Aulinsky participated in various UFWU activities in the middle to late 1960s.)

A Catholic Church Office, city or state not recalled.

After he examined the above list, Schwartz then handed him two small date calendar books which contained

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the name Sol Aulinsky. He attempted to review these books but they were retrieved by Schwartz before he could examine them for authenticity.

[redacted] Schwartz allowed him to examine a letter from [redacted] to UFWU Director Caesar Estrada Chavez dated in either 1965 or 1966. [redacted] was associated with the Community Services Organization and UFWU during the 1960s, and he recalls that during about 1965 a UFWU building called the "Pink Building" was burglarized in Delano and some Community Services Organization files were stolen. Schwartz also allowed him to examine a few other unrecalled documents which appeared to contain innocuous information.

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Schwartz said the documents he had were stolen in various "robberies" which were committed at the direction of two California farmers, one a large grape grower in Delano and the other a [redacted]

Schwartz said he was asking \$35,000 from UFWU for all of the documents and information available to him. He said \$25,000 was needed to get his client out of trouble and that the extra \$10,000 would be split between unidentified persons. Cohen said he told Schwartz at that time that he had no intention of buying stolen UFWU property.

In addition, Cohen recalled that Schwartz said that John Harmer, a California Assemblyman from the Los Angeles area, was aware of the material in his, Schwartz', possession and was using this information for political gain. Schwartz also mentioned the California Council of Growers but did not specify whether or not this organization was in any way involved in the matter. Schwartz also claimed to Cohen that he had approached an unnamed Delano

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grower with a proposition to sell information but was rejected. Schwartz indicated he planned to next contact George Baker, a reporter for the Fresno Bee newspaper in an attempt to peddle his information. Schwartz said he could contact Cohen telephonically on or about March 29, 1974, to arrange for a meeting between Cohen and his client, stating, "This is the last time that you'll see me."

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Cohen further advised on March 28, 1974, that he had been in contact with George Baker in Fresno by telephone during March 26, 1974, and March 27, 1974, and Baker acknowledged he had a conversation with Schwartz. Cohen said that several hours after the March 28, 1974, contact with Schwartz, Baker telephonically advised him that he had met Schwartz in Burlingame, California, and that Schwartz had told him that payoffs had been made in 1973 by Delano grape grower [REDACTED] and grower [REDACTED] in the amounts of \$2,000 each. Cohen said he advised Baker to call the FBI in Bakersfield with this information, but Baker stated that at the present time he intended to travel to San Jose to personally investigate the matter.

On March 30, 1974, Cohen advised that he had received a telephone call from Schwartz requesting a meet at the Ramada Inn Coffee Shop at Bakersfield on the afternoon of March 31, 1974.

On March 31, 1974, a physical surveillance was conducted in the coffee shop of the Ramada Inn and its immediate vicinity, 2620 Pierce Road, Bakersfield. It was noted that at 3:34 p.m. on that date, a white male, age 45 to 50, 6 feet 1 inch to 2 inches, 215 to 220 pounds, gray hair, wearing a black sweater vest, polka dot shirt and carrying a dark colored briefcase, entered the coffee shop and met with Cohen. They talked until 4:12 p.m., at which time Cohen left. At 4:16 p.m., March 31, 1974, the

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unknown man who was previously with Cohen left the coffee shop for the motel exit and walked to a 1974 brown Buick, California license 816 JZH. This man proceeded to drive directly to the Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield. This unknown man was photographed by a Special Agent of the FBI from a concealed position approximately 100 feet from the coffee shop door. The individual referred to above who met with Cohen was later determined to be Jerome Joseph Ducote.

During the above surveillance, no conversations were overheard nor could the contents of any notes or documents be determined.

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After the above surveillance, and on March 31, 1974, Jerry Cohen gave his account of the meeting with Schwartz as follows:

Schwartz lowered the price of the documents to \$25,000, stating that the papers in question were taken in 16 separate break-ins of UFWU offices, other organizations and residences during 1966 through 1969, and possibly including 1970. Schwartz said these documents were in possession of the House Unamerican Activities Committee for two weeks at some time in the past and have been reviewed periodically by the Military Intelligence during 1966 through 1970, as well as other unknown agencies. Schwartz claimed the break-ins were hired by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all major California growers.

Schwartz stated that during October or November, 1973, he received a \$2,000 check from [REDACTED] and \$2,000 in cash from [REDACTED] for an unspecified reason, inferring that it could have been "hush money". The \$2,000 in cash was supposedly received by [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] a carrot grower in the Salinas Valley.

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Fred Schwartz.
[redacted]

Schwartz told Cohen he was disenchanted with his former associates who were not identified. He mentioned that he had aspirations of writing a book concerning the matter. Schwartz claimed there were two persons who are being paid "hush money" by the growers, one in Mexico and one in Spain, and that periodically an Agent of the Army Intelligence or the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) approaches [redacted] for additional money for these two individuals.

Cohen said that Schwartz would not allow him to closely examine any of the documents discussed and he told Schwartz that insofar as he was concerned UFWU would not pay for the documents. Schwartz asked him to confer with the UFWU Board concerning the matter, which was done, and on the same date, Schwartz telephoned him for a final decision. During that conversation, he told Schwartz that the UFWU Board decided not to pay any money in regard to this matter. He further told Schwartz that he had communicated with the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, who advised him to tell Schwartz to contact the FBI in Bakersfield concerning the documents. Schwartz indicated that he would contact the FBI on April 1, 1974.

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Cohen concluded by stating that he had been in telephonic contact with [redacted], and [redacted] told him that no payments would be made to Schwartz by [redacted]

On April 1, 1974, Cohen advised that he had received a telephone call from Schwartz, who told him he needed immediate cash for bail between \$600 and \$1,000 and, in return, would be willing to sign a statement implicating certain California growers in 16 burglaries.

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He indicated that bond in connection with some unknown matter was between \$6,000 and \$10,000 and said, "We need bail bad." Schwartz said he had contacted an attorney "up north" who told him other matters should be resolved before contact with the FBI.

Schwartz appeared very desperate during the conversation. Cohen recalls Schwartz mentioning that one of the persons involved in the burglaries had nine children.

After the above contact with Cohen and still on April 1, 1974, an individual who identified himself as Fred Schwartz telephonically contacted the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and stated he had been in contact with Jerry Cohen. Schwartz said that Cohen told him he had talked to Senator Kennedy's Office, who would make arrangements for him, Schwartz, to furnish information to the FBI. He declined to discuss the matter on the telephone and made an appointment to appear in the FBI Office at Bakersfield at 9:30 a.m., April 4, 1974.

On April 2, 1974, Ducote was contacted by FBI Agents at Room 240 of the Hilton Inn in Bakersfield and advised as follows:

He admitted he has been in contact with Jerry Cohen of the UFWU and George Baker of the Fresno Bee during the past two weeks using the name Fred Schwartz. He also admitted he is the same individual who contacted Special Agent Conrad N. Shaw by telephone on the afternoon of April 1, 1974, using the name Fred Schwartz, and made an appointment with Special Agent Shaw for 9:30 a.m., April 4, 1974. He intended to delay talking to the FBI until April 4, 1974, in order to confer with his attorney, Hal Chapman, of San Jose, California, telephone 408-294-2270. He intends to leave Bakersfield on April 2, 1974, to discuss his situation with Chapman and return on the

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evening of April 3, 1974.

He apologetically declined to furnish any details concerning his situation but did furnish the following information concerning the reasons for his recent actions under the name Schwartz:

During the past four years he has been self-employed in the public relations business. During this same period, he and others were engaged in gathering intelligence for certain California growers, mainly concerning UFWU and its Director, Caesar Chavez. He is now "boxed in" because of his past activities with the growers. He is in debt in the amount of \$20,000 in connection with a past loan and pressure is being exerted for repayment. He had been advised by his attorney to declare bankruptcy, since the matter appeared to be of a civil nature; however, at present the local District Attorney's Office at San Jose is contemplating criminal fraud charges. He described another man involved with him as having nine children. He would not elaborate on the above information.

He was formerly employed by the Saint Dismas Publishing Company, San Jose, which company is no longer in business. Prior to that time, and during the period 1954 through 1963, he was a deputy sheriff for the Santa Clara, California, County Sheriff's Office.

Ducote furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Name	Jerome Joseph Ducote
Aliases	Jerry Ducote Fred Schwartz
Sex	Male
Race	White

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Fred Schwartz:

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Date of Birth	June 28, 1929
Place of Birth	Gulfport, Mississippi
Residence	1528 Hanchette San Jose, California
Height	6 feet 3 inches
Weight	225 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray, receding
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1949 - 1953, Army Serial Number 19324764 (not sure if correct number)
Social Security Account Number	571-20-3937
Wife	Mary Ducote 1528 Hanchette San Jose, California
Children	Seven, ranging from age five to age 16, all residing with parents
Mother	Mrs. E. M. Ducote 664 North 15th Street San Jose, California
Sister	Lee Smith street address unknown Saratoga, California, whose husband, Quentin, is an attorney

On April 3, 1974, Ducote telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield, stating that he was calling from San Jose, California, to advise that he would not be able to confer with his attorney until April 6, 1974, and would, thereafter, make an appointment to be interviewed by the FBI at Bakersfield, stating he did not desire to be contacted at San Jose.

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[REDACTED]
Fresno, California, telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield on April 3, 1974, and stated that he had made personal contact with Fred Schwartz at Burlingame on March 28, 1974, at which time Schwartz attempted to sell him information concerning 16 burglaries. Schwartz allowed him to make a list of the burglaries and examine some documents. He said Schwartz' information was limited and [REDACTED] does not intend to purchase any information or documents. [REDACTED] indicated that he had determined Schwartz' possible true identity through a car registration.

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Ducote telephonically advised the FBI at Bakersfield on April 8, 1974, that he and his attorney were scheduled to confer with Santa Clara County, California, Assistant District Attorney Dennis Lempert and his attorney had advised to delay a meeting with the FBI until talks with Lempert are concluded.

On April 10, 1974, Lempert advised that he had a meeting scheduled with Ducote on April 11, 1974, at San Jose. He said he had filed numerous grand theft charges against Ducote in the past and described Ducote as a "con man". Lempert advised that he is acquainted with Hal Chapman, Ducote's alleged attorney, and that Chapman told him that he was not receiving any money to represent Ducote.

Ducote telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield on April 18, 1974, to advise that he was then ready to furnish information to the FBI. He said his attorney, Hal Chapman, of San Jose, requested that he, Ducote, be interviewed at San Jose. He requested that Chapman be contacted for an interview date. On April 19, 1974, Chapman was contacted at 111 West St. John Street, San Jose, at which time Ducote was present.

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Chapman advised that Ducote had information pertaining to the UFWU and had obtained this information as a result of working for some people (people not identified). Chapman said Ducote became involved and these people backed out, stating that this information is "bigger than Watergate". Chapman, at that time, desired to have Ducote granted immunity from Federal prosecution before divulging the information. Chapman said that this information involves politicians and others not identified, and he believes that Ducote's life may possibly be in danger. Chapman said he also desired immunity for Ducote from local prosecution.

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This information was furnished to the U. S. Department of Justice, who advised that Chapman should be referred directly to the Civil Rights Division of that department concerning the above request for immunity.

On April 22, 1974, George Baker, reporter for the Fresno Bee, telephonically advised the FBI at Bakersfield that he had determined that Fred Schwartz' true name is Jerry Ducote, a resident of San Jose. He said he had verified that [redacted] of [redacted]

[redacted] the Saint Dismas Publishing Company, a California corporation, and that Robert K. Wilhelm of 1652 Park Hills Avenue, Los Altos, California, and Ducote were officers of that corporation. This corporation ceased operations, according to Baker, on February 1, 1973, for non-payment of taxes. Baker said the Saint Dismas Publishing Company only printed one book, which publication concerned the life of Sol Aulinsky of Chicago, Illinois.

On April 25, 1974, Dennis Lempert was advised of Chapman's concern for Ducote, and he stated that he would be alert for anything that might threaten Ducote's life.

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Since possible violations of California statutes were involved in this matter, the Criminal Division of the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, as well as the Delano Police Department, were advised of the allegations and information developed concerning this matter.

None of the alleged stolen documents referred to above were ever received by the Sacramento Division of the FBI, which division covers Bakersfield, California, and Ducote was never a "source" or "informant" of the Sacramento Division.

[redacted] has never furnished the Sacramento Division of the FBI any type of information or documents.



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice

STATE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO 94102

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January 8, 1975

Charles W. Bates
Special Agent in Charge
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Mr. Bates:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1976, enclosing a copy of the report dated January 2, 1976. I am glad to learn that you are able categorically to deny the allegation that any of these break-ins were performed with either the knowledge or tacit approval of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In addition, I am pleased to know that after a thorough search of F.B.I. files, no material like or similar to the representative sample of documents forwarded to you was found and you are able categorically to deny receipt or possession of such material at any time.

Please accept my thanks for the efforts made by yourself and your agents in this connection.

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I write also to confirm our telephone conversation of January 6, 1976. Please accept this letter as a request for copies of the original documents or notes prepared on the interview on December 24, 1975 with Ducote, (and, of course, the subsequent telephone call from Ducote), and in addition the interview with [redacted] in January, 1975 presumably in Idaho. As I informed you, Agent John Lilly probably accompanied by District Attorney's Investigator Robert McCollum will be going to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, to interview [redacted] and to establish the period of his residence in Idaho. It would materially assist that effort if a copy of the original document in whatsoever form it is extant, could be made available. I accept with thanks your offer to talk with the Bureau's agents in Butte, Montana, and Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, in order to obtain the original in whatever form it exists. Such a document would be critical in any proposed prosecution of [redacted]

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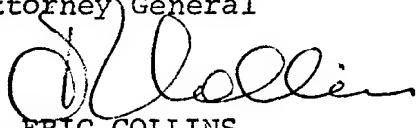
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Please accept my thanks for the urgent treatment which
you are giving these requests.

Yours very truly,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Attorney General



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Deputy Attorney General

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Date: 1/13/76

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
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Fred Schwartz;
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Re San Francisco airtel, 1/2/76.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter received from State Deputy Attorney General W. ERIC COLLINS. One copy each is enclosed for Butte and Sacramento.

He requests the original documents on the interview 12/29/75 and 1/5/76 and the interview with [REDACTED] by the Butte Division.

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Also enclosed are copies of these FD 302s and a copy of Butte letter to Sacramento dated 1/28/75.

The Bureau is requested to seek a ruling from the Department as to whether or not these can be disseminated.

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Ducote really triple agent, witness says

SAN JOSE (UPI) — Admitted political burglar Jerome Ducote might have acted as a triple agent in behalf of left-wing groups, according to a state intelligence agent.

Walter A. Kubas, a special agent in the intelligence bureau of the state Department of Justice, gave that testimony Monday at a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge John Schatz.

Schatz bound Ducote, a former Santa Clara County sheriff's detective and official of the Young Republicans, over to Superior Court to answer 15 counts of grand theft. He will be arraigned Jan. 23. The judge delayed his decision on whether to take the same action on seven counts of receiving stolen property.

Ducote, free on \$20,000 bail, admitted in 1974 that he was behind political espionage against the United Farm Workers, Ramparts magazine and several antiwar groups.

Kubas told the court that he had been informed Ducote might have actually been acting on behalf of left-wing groups to infiltrate right-wing factions "for the purpose of again infiltrating the left to discredit and embarrass the right."

Kubas, in an aside, told Deputy District Attorney Kenneth Robinson, "I told you it wasn't easy to explain."

The state agent said Jerry Boyes, a dance instructor and informer, made the allegation Ducote might have been a triple agent for the benefit of left-wing groups.

Kubas said the suspect asked for complete immunity from prosecution before he unraveled his story on Feb. 14. But, Kubas said, he rejected the request.

He said he told Ducote he would need evidence to substantiate his claims he committed the burglaries in 1967. The agent said that on Feb. 25, 1974, Ducote gave him "two large cardboard boxes containing numerous files" taking during the burglaries.

Kubas said he began his investigation of Ducote after receiving a written request from an aide to former Gov. Ronald Reagan. The aide was not identified in the agent's testimony.

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Pandol: Wouldn't buy car, omit delivery

"If I buy an automobile, I want it in my garage, not some salesman's garage," Kern County farmer Jack Pandol said.

And likewise, he implied, had he paid for records stolen from United Farm Workers offices in 1967, he wouldn't have left them to be found in the garage of Jerome Ducote, an ex-Santa Clara County sheriff's deputy who claims he was hired by Pandol and another grower to steal the documents.

"They take me for a real idiot because they claim I paid for those records," Pandol said in an aside during a talk against the San Joaquin Nuclear Project. He spoke Wednesday at a meeting of Project Survival at Beale Memorial Library.

Ducote has been arraigned in San Jose on 17 felony charges in connection with his admission he committed 17 political burglaries in 1966 and 1967, two of them at the United Farm Workers Delano office in 1967.

He claims he met with Pandol in a Fresno hotel in March 1967 to plan the burglaries.

Answering newsmen's inquiries after the nuclear power meeting, Pandol admitted knowing Ducote, but said he doesn't believe he knew him as early as 1967.

"I never attended a meeting with him in Fresno or any other place to plan that," he said.

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\$25,000 deal for UFW

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SAN JOSE (UPI) — A United Farm Workers attorney has testified that former Santa Clara County Sheriff's detective Jerry Ducote tried to sell him documents stolen from the union's headquarters for \$25,000.

Jerry Cohen was one of a parade of Thursday's witnesses who told of the theft of documents and clandestine meetings with Ducote, 46, who is accused of burglarizing leftwing organizations for profit.

Cohen, general counsel for the UFW, appeared before Municipal Judge John Schatz as preliminary hearing began for Ducote, father of eight and former chairman of the county Young Republicans. The hearing continued today.

Ducote was charged with 15 counts of grand theft and seven counts of receiving stolen property. He was held on \$100,000 bail.

UFW President Cesar Chavez also testified. He said that many personal and union documents were taken in an April 19, 1967, break-in at the UFW's

headquarters in Delano. He called the documents "extremely valuable, irreplaceable."

He told a news conference later that he sent a telegram to Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., asking for an investigation by an independent committee into "agribusiness involvement in supervising and financing anti-farm worker political sabotage and complicity by local, state and federal agencies."

Chavez told the governor, "Police agencies at all levels of government have been implicated in wrong doings. Therefore, it is imperative that the investigatory committee be chaired by you or another independent public figure such as Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally."

Ducote previously said in a statement that California growers hired him to discredit Chavez.

Cohen told the court that he met with Ducote, who used the name Fred Schwartz, in February or March 1974 at a Bakersfield bar. Ducote, he said, told him he "had some documents that were our documents" and information on how they were stolen.

The lawyer said the defendant showed him a letter written by Chavez.

"He wanted to sell the union these documents for a sum of \$25,000," Cohen said.

He testified that he refused and at a later meeting with Chavez told the UFW leader "I, under no circum-

stances, thought the union should do business with someone who was trying to sell back to us documents that he or someone else had stolen from us."

Cohen said a second meeting was held in a Bakersfield coffeeshop in March 1974 and this was attended by several FBI agents after he informed the agency of Ducote's offer.

The lawyer told the court that Ducote then offered the documents for as little as \$500.

He said he told the former law enforcement officer to contact the FBI or the office of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. He said he feared to bring any state or local police agencies into the situation because he thought they were involved in a plot against the UFW.

"You don't have investigators investigate themselves," Cohen said.

Another witness was George Baker, a reporter for the Fresno Bee, who said Ducote offered to sell him the documents for \$25,000. He told the court he refused.

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Grower testifies of Ducote-CIA parley

SAN JOSE (UPI) — A Salinas grower testified Friday that he and admitted political burglar Jerome Ducote met twice with Central Intelligence Agency representatives.

Stephen D'Arrigo was a witness at a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge John Schatz for Ducote, 46, a former Santa Clara County Sheriff's detective charged with more than 20 counts of grand theft and receiving stolen property.

Ducote previously told a state Justice Department investigator that he conducted political burglaries in the 1960s in an effort to discredit left-wing organizations and the United Farm Workers Union.

D'Arrigo backed Ducote's claims he paid for some of his work. He also told the court that he met with CIA representatives in Washington, D.C., and San Jose in 1968 or 1969.

D'Arrigo did not say what took place at the meetings nor did he identify the federal agents.

He said he paid money to Ducote, who had been active in the local Young Republicans organization, for conducting investigations in the late 1960s and he also paid Ducote's expenses when they went to Washington.

But, D'Arrigo told Schatz, they had a falling-out after Ducote began "using my name fraudulently" to solicit funds from others for his burglaries.

Five other witnesses testified that they loaned Ducote money ranging in sums from \$1,000 to \$1,700. Four said the ex-peace officer agreed to pay them back with 50 per cent interest within several days.

Schatz warned those saying they

had been offered the high interest could be charged under California's anti-loan shark laws. But they said they desired to continue giving testimony.

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JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUNITEL JANUARY 26, 1976.

ERIC COLLINS, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, REQUESTED ALL THE 302S, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND ANY DOCUMENTS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SACRAMENTO OFFICE AS REFLECTED IN CASE ENTITLED JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA, JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEEN, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, SACRAMENTO REPORT DATED APRIL 19, 1974, BY SA CONRAD N. SHAW.

IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL DECISION IN OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THIS CASE AS REFLECTED IN REFERENCED NITEL, IT IS REQUESTED BUREAU CONTACT DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF COPY OF ENTIRE REPORT MAY BE FURNISHED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY DA'S OFFICE. SAN FRANCISCO RECOMMENDS THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

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JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, ALSO KNOWN AS, JERRY DUCOTE,
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REFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTELS JANUARY 13, 1976, AND
JANUARY 16, 1976.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY WILLIAM L. GARDNER, SUBSEQUENT TO
HIS REVIEW OF FD-302S AND MEMORANDA FURNISHED BY SAN FRANCISCO,
BY REFERENCED AIRTELS, ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO
SAID ITEMS BEING DISSEMINATED TO THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY
GENERAL AND THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PER
THEIR WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE SAC, SAN FRANCISCO DATED
JANUARY 8, 1976.

THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
CONCUR WITH THE DISSEMINATION OF THESE ITEMS IN ORDER FOR THE
LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROSECUTE DUCOTE.

INSURE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SAN FRANCISCO, MADE AWARE
OF GARDNER'S DECISION, RE THESE ITEMS.

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JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, ALSO KNOW AS, JERRY DUCOTE,
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SAN FRANCISCO ON JANUARY 28, 1976.

THIS CONFIRMS REBUTELCAL WHEREIN YOU WERE ADVISED THAT
DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY WILLIAM L. GARDNER AUTHORIZED THE
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OF SA CONRAD N. SHAW DATED APRIL 19, 1974, TITLED,
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KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM," TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY
GENERAL.

GARDNER ADVISED THAT THE COVER PAGE (FD-204) AND
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DISSEMINATION COPY OF SAID REPORT.

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION HAS REVIEWED THIS REPORT AND
CONCURS WITH THE ABOVE.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Man named accomplice in UFW case nabbed

SAN JOSE (UPI) — A man named by admitted political robber Jerome Ducote as an accomplice has been arrested on four counts of burglary.

Henry Scherling, 55, was picked up yesterday. Authorities said he moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after the document burglaries took place in the late 1960s.

In the complaint filed by the Santa Clara County district attorney's office, Scherling is charged with burglaries at the San Jose Peace

Center, the Palo Alto Peace center and the homes of two women who then edited a farm labor publication.

Assistant District Attorney Ken Robinson said the statute of limitations does not apply to Scherling because he left California less than three years after the burglaries took place.

Ducote, 46, former Santa Clara County sheriff's deputy, has implicated Scherling in a number of his illegal activities.

Ducote is facing trial on 15 counts of grand theft. He has told investigators some of his activities were financed by large growers fighting Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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California

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Date: 2/4/76
Edition: Daily
Author: ---
Editor: EDDIE GRIFFITH!
Title: JEROME JOSEPH
DUCOTE, aka. ET AL

Character:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

February 12, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE

Also Known As

Jerry Ducote;

FRED SCHWARTZ;

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 29 and December 30, 1975, attempts to contact Jerry Cohen, Chief Counsel in California for United Farmworkers, at Salinas, California, telephone number (408)-424-4136, proved unsuccessful. A message was left to have Cohen contact SA [redacted] at the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in San Jose, California.

On December 31, 1975, contact with Cohen's office revealed he was out of town until approximately January 5, 1976.

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On January 7, 1976, and January 19, 1976, telephonic contact was made with the United Farmworkers Legal Office in Salinas, California, in effort to arrange an appointment with Jerry Cohen. However, he did not return the calls.

W. Eric Collins, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, San Francisco, California, requested that the FBI not interview [redacted] inasmuch as he was under investigation by that office and they anticipated placing him under arrest at an early date. This request was complied with by the San Francisco office. It is to be noted that [redacted] was arrested February 6, 1976, and appeared in San Jose Municipal Court on February 7, 1976, where he was allowed to remain free on his own recognizance and a preliminary hearing date was set for February 26, 1976.

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Date of transcription January 6, 1976

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ROBERT L. LAMBORN, JR., Executive Director and Vice President, Research West, Inc., 1419 Broadway, Oakland, California, advised that Research West was incorporated in 1969 and he was hired in his current position by the firm in 1969. He stated Research West, Inc. has no information regarding the affairs of Western Research as related to any alleged dealings with a JEROME DUCOTE and that Western Research went out of business in 1968.

Interviewed on 1/5/76 at Oakland, California File # SF 62-6943 (1-3) b7D
by SA /kah - 2* - Date dictated 1/6/76 b7C

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Via _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
FRED SCHWARTZ;

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Rebuairtel 12/18/75, and San Francisco airtel
and LHM dated 1/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an
LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are furnished
Sacramento and one to Butte for information.

Referenced LHM reported all investigation
requested by the Bureau with the exception of the interviews
of JERRY COHEN, [redacted] and appropriate
officials at Western Research, Oakland, California.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 7)
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Special Agent in Charge

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Date December 5 1975

OFFENSE(S) OR TYPE OF INVESTIGATION OR INQUIRY: POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

VICTIM: STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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SUSPECT: DUCOTE, Jerome

12-5-75 1150 hrs

Conducted interview at the Bakersfield FBI office interviewing Agent Con-
rad SHAW in the presence of Agent [redacted] Assisted in the inter-
view by Sgt. Robert BROWNING, San Jose Police Dept. and Sgt. Bud GARNER,
Bakersfield Police Dept. This investigator advised SHAW of his rights which
he waived and indicated he would answer the questions according to what the
questions related to. SHAW was then questioned regarding his knowledge of
a meeting which took place in 1974 between DUCOTE and Attorney Jerome COHEN
wherein DUCOTE had attempted to call documents which he had informed COHEN
were stolen from the Delano United Farm Workers Offices.

SHAW stated that he could not recall the exact date that the meeting took
place, but that he and [redacted] as well as other agents from their office
were made aware of the meeting and had been told by COHEN that DUCOTE was
attempting to call documents reportedly stolen from the UFW Office in Delano.
SHAW states that after the meeting took place at the Ramada Inn Restaurant
in Bakersfield, DUCOTE was approached by the FBI agents, advised of his
rights and DUCOTE refused to answer any questions without first contacting
his attorney. SHAW states that no stolen documents or any other files were
located in the possession of DUCOTE.

SHAW states that DUCOTE said he has information that would be of some value
to the FBI but he wanted to speak with his attorney prior to presenting that
information. SHAW then advised DUCOTE to contact the FBI office in San Jose.

SHAW states that DUCOTE was at no time an informant for him nor anyone in
his particular office and as far as he knows DUCOTE was never an informant
for the FBI at all.

SHAW states that he made no attempt to re-contact COHEN to advise him of the
identity of DUCOTE although that identity was obtained at the time the FBI
agents made contact with DUCOTE. He states that it is not the procedure
to call to do so.

DECLARED BY INVESTIGATOR BOB J. MCCOLLUM

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SUSPECT: DUCOTE, Jerome

Agents SEAN and [] are both well acquainted with [] and have heard of [] relating to farm matters. Neither of them have heard of Robert Kenneth WILHELM.

Agent [] indicates it is his understanding that one of the alleged participants in the series of burglaries recently gave a statement to the FBI office in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The subject's name, [] appears in the Department of Justice reports.

DICTATED BY INVESTIGATOR BOB J. McCOLLUM 12-5-75 pm

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464)

DATE: 2/17/76

FROM: *CW* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE aka;

[redacted]
(Information Concerning)

By letter dated 2/3/76, WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN,
Chief Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County,
San Jose, California, made available a copy of a
statement obtained from SA CONRAD SHAW and SA [redacted]
[redacted] of the Bakersfield RA.

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A copy of this statement is being furnished for
your information and completion of your file.



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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 3/23/76 By Telephone _____ Written Communication _____
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Information concerning:

Jerome Joseph Ducote and
 [Redacted]

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Information furnished was obtained:

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☐ from informants

☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

Inv. [Redacted] Kern Co. DA's Office,
Bakersfield, Calif -

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Remarks:

Kern Co. DA's office is investigating
 [Redacted] on burglary matter that relates
to file 62-464.

Conrad M. Shan

Special Agent
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (C)

DATE: 4/1/76

FROM : SA CONRAD N. SHAW

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
ET AL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, 1/9/76.

Since no further investigation appears necessary at this time in connection with this matter in the Sacramento Division, it is suggested that this case be closed administratively.

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TO: DIRECTOR (62-116783)

SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

FROM: SACRAMENTO (62-464)

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA; ET AL. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, FEB 12, 1976.

ON APRIL 12, 1976, SA CONRAD N. SHAW, SRA, BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA, RECEIVED SUBPOENA FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT CALLING FOR HIS APPEARANCE AS DEFENSE WITNESS AT SUPERIOR
COURT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL 16, 1976, AT 9:00 AM.
SAN JOSE IS WITHIN SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION.

USA JAMES BROWNING, SAN FRANCISCO, DESIGNATED AUSA JOHN
LOCKIE, SAN FRANCISCO, TO APPEAR WITH SA SHAW AS DIRECTED.

SA SHAW WILL APPEAR, UACB.

END.

ADDENDUM

On 4/12/76, Supervisor [] SF, contacted. He b7C
contacted USA BROWNING. AUSA JOHN LOCKIE can be contacted at
415-556-4227.

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TO: DIRECTOR (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL, APRIL 13, 1976.

AUSA JOHN LOCKIE, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED ON APRIL 13, 1976, THAT HE WILL FILE A MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA DIRECTED TO SA CONRAD SHAW, SACRAMENTO DIVISION, WHICH WILL REQUEST DEFENSE SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT ELICITING TESTIMONY DESIRED FROM SHAW.

SA SHAW MUST STILL APPEAR IN SUPERIOR COURT, APRIL 16, 1976, IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA, BUT THE FILING OF MOTION BY AUSA LOCKIE WILL STOP ANY TESTIMONY THAT DAY AND MAKE THE DEFENSE'S QUESTIONS KNOWN.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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I appeared in Superior Court, San Jose, Ca. 4/16/76, & was advised by AUSA Lockie not to testify. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36015
San Francisco, California 94102

SF 62-6943

April 13, 1976

Mr. James L. Browning, Jr.
United States Attorney
Northern District of California
Federal Building
450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36055
San Francisco, California 94102

Attention:
Mr. John Lockie
Assistant United States Attorney

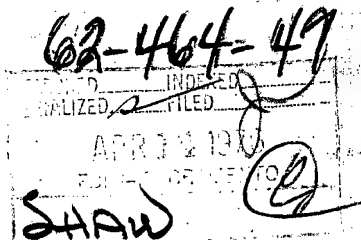
Dear Mr. Browning:

RE: JEROME J. DUCOTE

On April 12, 1976, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] telephoned you to advise that SA Conrad Shaw of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Bakersfield Resident Agency, a part of the Sacramento Division, was subpoenaed to appear in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, San Jose, California, on April 16, 1976, at 9 a.m. At this time you said there was no objection to SA Shaw testifying, unless he thought there would be inquiries into confidential or privileged areas and that an attorney would be furnished if it was deemed necessary.

In view of the fact that this is a very controversial case, it is felt that legal representation will be necessary for SA Shaw. Accordingly, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) John Lockie was contacted by SA [redacted] on April 13, 1976, and the matter was discussed with him. Mr. Lockie said that he would represent SA Shaw as suggested by you.

- 2 - Addressee
- 1 - Sacramento (62-464)
- 1 - San Francisco (62-6943)
- DGM/dew
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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES W. BATES
Special Agent in Charge

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Date 4/13/76

To: ☐ Director

Att.: _____ FILE SF 62-6943
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☒ SAC SACRAMENTO

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☐ Supv. _____

☐ Agent _____

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☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken

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8:25PM NITEL 4-21-76 MFW

TO SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

FROM SACRAMENTO (62-464) (P)

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA; ET AL, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON APRIL 21, 1976, SA CONRAD N. SHAW, BAKERSFIELD RA,
SACRAMENTO DIVISION, WAS SERVED SUBPOENA TO APPEAR IN
SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, SAN JOSE, CALIF., AT
9 AM, APRIL 23, 1976, IN MATTER INVOLVING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CASE NO. 62398. SUBPOENA ALSO CALLS FOR SHAW
TO PRODUCE ALL FBI REPORTS, NOTES AND STATEMENTS RE
[REDACTED] AND OTHERS.

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AUSA JOHN LOCKIE, SAN FRANCISCO, WHO IS FAMILIAR
WITH THIS MATTER, WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY SA
SHAW APRIL 21, 1976, AND LOCKIE ADVISED CASE MOVED TO
MAY 3, 1976.

SAN FRANCISCO VERIFY THROUGH CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR
COURT THAT SA SHAW'S PRESENCE IS NOT REQUIRED APRIL 23,
1976, AND CLOSELY FOLLOW MATTER WITH AUSA LOCKIE.
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TO SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

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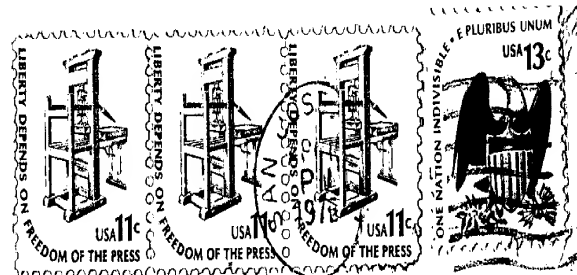
Per

Shaw

County of Santa Clara

Office of the Public Defender
111 N. Market St.-5th Floor
San Jose, California 95113

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Bakersfield Resident Agency
Federal Bureau of Investigation
800 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California

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County of Santa Clara
California

April 16, 1976

Charles W. Bates
Special Agent In Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
450 Golden Gate Avenue
Box 36015
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: People v. [REDACTED]
Superior Court No. 62398

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Dear Mr. Bates:

Enclosed find original Subpoenas Duces Tecum commanding the appearances of Special Agent [REDACTED] of the San Jose Resident Agency, and Conrad Shaw, of the Bakersfield Resident Agency, and certain documents before the Superior Court in and for the County of Santa Clara, on April 23, 1976, at 9:00 a.m.

I request that as the Special Agent In Charge and superior of the aforementioned special agents, you accept service of the enclosed subpoenas on their behalf.

In order to facilitate your procedures involved in the appearance of special agents before a state court, I am sending copies of the enclosed subpoenas to Mr. Browning, Mr. Levi and Mr. Kelley by special delivery, and informing other interested parties of this action.

If unique scheduling problems exist, please contact me by telephone at (408) 998-5121 and I will do all I can to accommodate the Bureau and Special Agents [REDACTED] and Shaw.

Respectfully yours,

C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER
Deputy Public Defender
Attorney for Henry Scherling

CRS:sw

cc: Superior Court Clerk
Assistant United States Attorney
Director, FBI
United States Attorney, Washington, D.C.
Honorable Robert F. Peckham
Bakersfield and San Jose Resident Agencies
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In the Superior Court of the State of California

In and for the County of Santa Clara

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff

VS.

JEROME J. DUCOTE

Defendant

NO. 61961

191 No. First

The People of the State of California Send Greetings to

CONRAD N. SHAW, Resident Agent for Federal Bureau of Investigation

WE COMMAND YOU, that, all and singular, business and excuses being set aside, you appear and attend before the Superior Court of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, at a session of said court to be held at the Court House in the City of San Jose, on the 16th day of April A. D. 1976 at 9:00 o'clock, A. M.

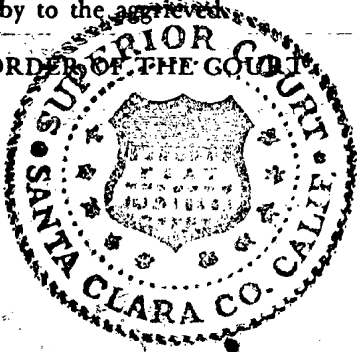
Superior Court Criminal, located at 190 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California

then and there to testify in a certain Criminal case now pending in said Court, then and there to be tried, between The People of the State. Plaintiff, and Defendant

JEROME J. DUCOTE

Defendant, on the part of the defendant. And for a failure to attend, you will be deemed guilty of contempt of Court, and liable to pay all losses and damages sustained thereby to the aggrieved

BY ORDER OF THE COURT



Given under my hand, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 9th day of April A. D. 1976.

JOHN KAZUBOWSKI

County Clerk

By

M. Scheeman

Deputy Clerk

Rec'd by me at Ventura, Ca. on 4/12/76 - Conrad Shaw

1 SALCICCIA, KILLEN & GILL
2 ATTORNEYS AT LAW
3 THE SALCICCIA BUILDING
4 870 NORTH FIRST STREET
5 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95112
6 TELEPHONE 295-5555

7 Attorneys for Defendant

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JOHN KAZUBOWSKI, Clerk
By Dep.

8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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11 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)

No. 61961

12 Plaintiff,)

13 vs.

AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL
FOR DEFENDANT

14 JEROME J. DUCOTE,

15 Defendant.)
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17 I believe the evidence of MR. CONRAD SHAW is material to the
18 hearing to be held on April 16, 1976, in the Superior Court of
19 Santa Clara County and Mr. SHAW's attendance at that hearing is
20 both material and necessary.

21 DATED: April 9, 1976.

22 *Thomas Salciccia*
23 THOMAS SALCICCIA

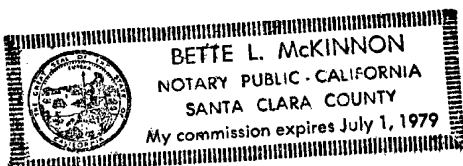
24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

ss.

25 COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA)
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27 On April 9, 1976, before me, a Notary Public, personally
28 appeared THOMAS SALCICCIA, known to me to be the person whose name
is subscribed to this Affidavit, and acknowledged that he executed
same.

WITNESS my official hand and seal.



29 *Betty L. McKinnon*
30 BETTY MCKINNON, Notary Public

1 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, it is hereby ordered that
2 MR. CONRAD SHAW, pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1330,
3 obey the attached Subpoena.

4 DATED: April 9, 1976.

BRUCE F. ALLEN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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16 The foregoing instrument is a
17 correct copy of the original
18 on file in this office.

19 ATTEST: APR - 9 1976

20 JOHN KAZUBOWSKI

21 County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the
22 Superior Court of the State of California
23 in and for the County of Santa Clara.
24 BY John Kazubowski DEPUTY



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12:40 PM NITEL 4/23/76 MCC

TO DIRECTOR (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE SF TEL CALL FBIHQ, APRIL 21, 1976.

SA'S CONRAD SHAW, BAKERSFIELD RA, AND [REDACTED]

SAN JOSE RA, HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR IN SANTA CLARA
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, SAN JOSE, CALIF., MAY 3, 1976. SUBPOENA
CALLS FOR AGENTS TO PRODUCE ALL FBI REPORTS, NOTES AND STATEMENTS
RE [REDACTED] AND OTHERS. [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPLICE
OF DUCOTE.

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AGENTS WILL COMPLY WITH SUBPOENA AS ADVISED BY FBIHQ AND
AUSA JOHN LOCKIE.

END

MGT

FBI SACRAMENTO

*advised
for Shaw 3:00 P
4/23/76.
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Ex-Deputy Sheriff Pleads Guilty

SAN JOSE (AP) — Former Santa Clara County deputy sheriff Jerry Ducote, 43, has changed his plea to guilty of seven felony counts in espionage activities in the late 1960s.

He had claimed that when he was burglarizing the offices of groups including the United Farm Workers Union he believed he was doing it at the bidding of the FBI.

Ducote had been scheduled to go on

trial in San Jose next week, but he changed his plea Monday before Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge James Duvaras to charges of concealing stolen documents.

The FBI said it had no connection with Ducote, who said he had been hired by some growers who wanted evidence that would link UFW leader Cesar Chavez with the Communist Party. Ducote will be sentenced June

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz;
[REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re San Francisco nitel to Bureau and Sacramento, 4/23/76, and San Francisco telcal to FBIEQ, 4/27/76, and San Francisco telcal to Bakersfield RA, 4/27/76.

Contact with C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER, Deputy Public Defender, Santa Clara County, on 4/27/76, has revealed that the 5/3/76 appearance date is tentative. SCHNEIDER advised that the appearance by the subpoenaed FBI Agents in Superior Court at San Jose, California, is in connection with his pre-trial motion to dismiss the local burglary indictments against [REDACTED] on the grounds that [REDACTED] has been denied his right to a speedy trial. SCHNEIDER has stated that he will seek to establish that the burglaries which [REDACTED] is alleged to have committed, occurred in 1967 and 1968 and that law enforcement had information that [REDACTED] had committed these burglaries during that time. b7C

SCHNEIDER continued that, as an example of this defense, he will rely upon the arrest and processing of [REDACTED] at Delano, California, for the 5/30/67 breakin of the United Farmworkers Filipino Community Center. SCHNEIDER stated that the police department traced the license of an

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automobile to [] and thereafter, [] came to Delano and was fingerprinted, photographed and booked for the burglary. Thereafter, a statement was made by a [] to an [] of the Delano Police Department that [] was committing the burglary on behalf of the FBI. As a result of this, SCHNEIDER believes []

[] SCHNEIDER is working under the belief that Chief of Police AILES is personally friendly with SA CONRAD SHAW of the Bakersfield RA, and SHAW may have confirmed to AILES that [] was participating in a burglary for the FBI.

SCHNEIDER will attempt then to attribute the four burglaries in Santa Clara County that were of a political nature to the FBI. SCHNEIDER was advised that any such conclusion is unsupported by fact and is, therefore, untrue.

SCHNEIDER further stated that an attempt may be made to connect [] and DUCOTE to SAs of the FBI and cited a CII investigative report of CII Agent LILLY under their case number 750119, page 8, of a 13 page report, wherein, on 12/1/75, SA BUCK SAMPLE is referred to as having received a mailing list from one of the Peace Centers which was burglarized. This report establishes that the mailing list was received from a confidential informant, but SCHNEIDER was interested in pursuing whether the informant was either DUCOTE, [] or one of their intermediaries. Again, Mr. SCHNEIDER was assured that the FBI had no contact with any of the aforementioned individuals or their intermediaries and that line of defense was also unfounded. SCHNEIDER wanted to pursue the question of whether [] had heard rumors that there were burglaries by DUCOTE and [] and what he did about it, and furthermore, what did SA CONRAD SHAW do to report burglaries that had come to his attention to the proper authorities, particularly the Delano Police Department. b7C

SCHNEIDER advised that he has attempted to plead [] guilty to lesser counts or offenses, but Deputy District Attorney HOFFMAN has refused to plea bargain and is going after [] "with a hatchet". SCHNEIDER advised, also, that he expects DUCOTE to be a cooperative witness against [] at the trial, and he described DUCOTE as a person who attempts to develop friendships with people by "buying them drinks or developing a rapport with them and later imposing on them for favors". SCHNEIDER also believed that it appears that the defendants (DUCOTE and []) are using the FBI as a coverup for their activities. This was evident by the use of

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the Catholic Church by these men as one of the stories put out to justify the activities or gain sympathy from public officials.

SCHNEIDER advised that his client, [] left the State of California in 1969 to live in the State of Idaho and had remained there until the current burglary charges were instituted. He will attempt to argue that, even though the Statute of Limitations for the crime of burglary was tolled by [] departure from the state, he will attempt to have the Statute interpreted that [] was not in a flight status and was, at all times, available to law enforcement.

SCHNEIDER stated that he wished to advise the Bureau that DUCOTE has given indications that he will attempt to implicate the FBI into the burglaries by stating that he dealt with a LARRY COTT (phonetic) of the Western Research Company in San Francisco. He advised that there is the belief that this company was an FBI or CIA front. SCHNEIDER was advised that, besides being untrue, that type of assertion is irrelevant and certainly DUCOTE could not state he was working under the Western Research direction.

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SCHNEIDER also stated that he had been told that there is an ex-FBI agent named [] who worked for Ramparts Magazine and had made statements that, while he [] was an FBI Agent, he committed burglaries of a political nature and that it was his, [] understanding that, after he left the FBI, it was the practice of the Bureau to have "informants" commit burglaries for them.

SCHNEIDER did not know which judge would hear the pre-trial motion to dismiss at the time of contact and stated that the assignment would be made by Friday, 4/30/76, by Judge BRUCE ALLEN. He was told that this office and the Sacramento Office would need at least 24 hours' notice in order to comply with the appearance of the Agents and records in this matter.

The Bureau and Sacramento Division will be kept advised of the developments in this matter.

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9:55PM NITEL 5/3/76 RRH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA JERRY DUCOTE, FRED SCHWARTZ; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL, APRIL 28, 1976, AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 3, 1976.

ON APRIL 30, 1976, C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, ADVISED THAT SUBPOENAED AGENTS ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT SUPERIOR COURT, SAN JOSE, ON MAY 5, 1976, AT 10:00 AM AND BRING WITH THEM THE RECORDS REQUESTED IN SUBPOENA.

IN VIEW OF SA [REDACTED] UNAVAILABILITY, SCHNEIDER REQUESTED THE PRESENCE OF SA [REDACTED] IN THE ALTERNATIVE AND ADVISED HE WOULD ISSUE A SUBPOENA TO COVER SAME. THE AREA SOUGHT FOR TESTIMONY AS ENUMERATED IN THREE-PAGE AFFIDAVIT OF C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER DATED APRIL 12, 1976, A COPY OF WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU BY SCHNEIDER.

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THE RECORDS WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED TO SCHNEIDER APPEAR AT THIS

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TIME TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE RECORDS WHICH HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PREVIOUSLY. THE BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THESE DISCLOSED RECORDS BY PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION.

CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE USA'S OFFICE TO ASSURE PROPER REPRESENTATION OF SUBPOENAED AGENTS IN CONFINING THE SCOPE OF EXAMINATION TO AREA SET FORTH IN THE SUBPOENA, RELEVANCY, PRIVILEGED INFORMATION, AND OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

UACB, THE ABOVE-NAMED AGENTS WILL TESTIFY, AND DOCUMENTS WILL BE PRODUCED AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

END.

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11:12PM NITEL MAY 5, 1976, MJE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA JERRY DUCOTE, FRED SCHWARTZ;

[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL MAY 3, 1976.

ON MAY 5, 1976, AUSA RAY BIETZ ACCOMPANIED SA CONRAD SHAW OF THE BAKERSFIELD RA TO THE PRELIMINARY HEARING IN SUPERIOR COURT, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. DIRECT AND CROSS EXAMINATION COVERED SA SHAW'S KNOWLEDGE REGARDING DUCOTE AND [REDACTED] AND CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY BUREAU. AUSA BIETZ ADVISED THAT SA SHAW WAS AN OUTSTANDING WITNESS.

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SA [REDACTED] WAS NOT CALLED TO TESTIFY AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING
JUDGE'S RULING ON MOTION TO DISMISS AND POTENTIAL TRIAL

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AIRTEL TO FOLLOW REGARDING DUCOTE'S TESTIMONY AT
PRELIMINARY HEARING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464)

DATE: 4/27/76

FROM : SA CONRAD N. SHAW

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
ET AL
MISC. INFO. CONCERNING

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Joseph Jerome Ducote
62-464#
B. 6/28/29

On 4/26/76, Investigator [redacted] Kern County District Attorneys' Office, Bakersfield, California, advised as follows:

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Approximately one week ago he received a telephone call from JOHN LILLY, an investigator for the State Attorney Generals Office, San Francisco, California, concerning captioned individual and [redacted] LILLY stated he had received information "fourth hand" that SA CONRAD N. SHAW had some taped conversations in his possession concerning the [redacted] - DUCOTE matter. LILLY asked [redacted] if he had information in this regard.

SA SHAW is not aware of any taped conversations made or in possession of anyone in connection with this case.

The above is being submitted to reflect the un-professional manner in which this matter continues to be investigated by LILLY and associated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA JERRY DUCOTE, FRED SCHWARTZ;

[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND SACRAMENTO
MAY 5, 1976; BUTELCALL TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY 13, 1976.

ON MAY 10, 1976, SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY WILLIAM HOFFMAN APPEARED AS WITNESS IN PRETRIAL
HEARING OF [REDACTED] MOTION TO DISMISS BURGLARY INDICTMENTS
AND DENIAL OF RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF
HOFFMAN'S TESTIMONY REVEAL HE CONCLUDED BUREAU LIED TO HIM
AND DELAYED REPORTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER TO HIM.

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IN AN EFFORT OF COOPERATION TO RESOLVE INNUENDOES OF
COMPLICITY AN AGENT ADMITTED TO SANTA CLARA COUNTY
INVESTIGATORS RECEIPT OF A MAILING LIST OF THE SAN JOSE PEACE
CENTER WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION DUCOTE BURGLARIZED. THIS
MAILING LIST WAS RECEIVED FROM INDEPENDENT INFORMANT HAVING
NO CONNECTION WITH DUCOTE OR ASSOCIATES. THEREAFTER IN

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REPLY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS TAKEN IN DUCOTE'S BREAK-IN THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE "CATEGORICALLY DENIES RECEIPT OR POSSESSION OF THIS MATERIAL AT ANY TIME". IT IS BELIEVED THAT HOFFMAN HAS USED THIS DENIAL OF A MAILING LIST RECEIVED FROM DUCOTE AS A BASIS FOR HIS BELIEF THAT HE HAD BEEN LIED TO.

IN REGARD TO THE TIMELINESS OF THIS OFFICE'S RESPONSE TO HOFFMAN'S LETTERS OF REQUEST A REVIEW OF THE SAN FRANCISCO FILE CORRESPONDENCE REVEALS PROMPT AND PRECISE REPLIES. THE BUREAU HAS APPROVED AND BEEN NOTIFIED OF RECORDS FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO HOFFMAN'S REQUESTS.

IT IS POINTED OUT THAT ALL DURING THE DEALINGS WITH HOFFMAN HE WAS OBSESSED WITH THE NOTION THAT THE BUREAU WAS SOMEHOW BEHIND THE BURGLARIES OR A COVER-UP OF SAME.

CONTACTS WITH SANTA CLARA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAS REVEALED THEIR OPINION OF HOFFMAN TO BE THAT HE IS "PARANOID, IMPETUOUS, AND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET ALONG WITH".

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IN ADDITION TO ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE OF THE FBI THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS BEEN ASSAILED IN AN EFFORT TO IMPUTE A COVER-UP AND DELAY BY THAT OFFICE, WHEN IN FACT SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC SOURCES ALMOST CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE FBI REGARDING THE BURGLARIES.

UPON LEARNING OF HOFFMAN'S REPORTED TESTIMONY AND CRITICAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES SAC, SAN FRANCISCO, IMMEDIATELY ORDERED A VERBATUM TRANSCRIPT BE OBTAINED. THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY MAY 19, 1976. SAN FRANCISCO DOES NOT INTEND TO LET THIS UNWARRANTED AND SCURRILOUS ATTACK GO UNANSWERED AND UPON RECEIPT OF TRANSCRIPTS WILL COMPARE WITH FACTS AS CONTAINED IN SAN FRANCISCO FILE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA; [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND SACRAMENTO

MAY 13, 1976.

ON MAY 18, 1976, RANDY SCHNIEDER, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, ADVISED THAT ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DENNIS LEMPERT, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, TESTIFIED TODAY THAT HE NEVER TALKED TO AN AGENT OF THE FBI ON APRIL 10, 1974, AND DENIED MAKING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY SA [REDACTED] ON PAGE 33 OF REPORT OF SA CONRAD SHAW DATED APRIL 19, 1974, AT SACRAMENTO CAPTIONED "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, JERRY COHEN, UFW - VICTIM; CR".

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SCHNIEDER PLANS TO SUBPOENA SA [REDACTED] FOR

APPEARANCE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPREME COURT PRETRIAL HEARING 10:00 A.M. MAY 19, 1976.

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SCHNIEDER SAYS HE IS GOING TO PRESS FBI FOR IDENTITY OF SA WHO NOTIFIED SANTA CLARA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN 1974 OF THE POLITICAL BURGLARIES. THE BUREAU INDICATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DUCOTE INVESTIGATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES UNTIL PROSECUTIVE ACTION WAS CONSIDERED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS. LATER THE BUREAU INSTRUCTED SACRAMENTO TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY THROUGH INADVERTANCE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION RECEIVED NO COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND DID NOT NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED SA [] TESTIFY TO THESE FACTS ON MAY 19, 1976.

SCHNIEDER WILL QUESTION SA [] AS TO WHEN HE HEARD RUMORS OF DUCOTE'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL BURGLARIES AND WHERE HE OBTAINED A MAILING LIST OF THE SAN JOSE PEACE CENTER. HE WILL QUESTION SA [] CONCERNING ALL CONTACTS WITH DUCOTE, AND [] WILL REFUTE DUCOTE'S ALLEGATION OF BUREAU'S COMPLICITY AND WILL DENY RECEIPT OF ANY DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY STOLEN BY DUCOTE.

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UACB SA [] WILL TESTIFY AS TO THE INTERVIEW OF
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY LEMPert ON APRIL 10, 1974,
AND THE REASON SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE POLITICAL BURGLARIES.

SA [] WILL TESTIFY CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE
OF THE CASE. BUREAU INTEREST WILL BE PROTECTED BY PRESENCE
OF AUSA RAY BIETZ.

END.

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8:39 PM NITEL 5/19/76 RRH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA [REDACTED] INFORMATION
CONCERNING, CR. b7C

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL MAY 18, 1976.

SA DONALD K. BERRY TESTIFIED MAY 19, 1976, IN SANTA
CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PRETRIAL HEARING FOR DEFENDANT
[REDACTED] THE ISSUE OF NOTIFYING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IN APRIL, 1974, WAS NOT RAISED
DURING THE TESTIMONY.

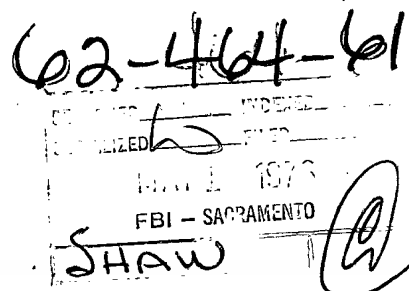
SA MALCOLM E. SAMPLE TESTIFIED MAY 19, 1976, THAT HE
RECEIVED A MAILING LIST OF THE SAN JOSE PEACE CENTER
FROM A SOURCE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO DUCOTE OR HIS ASSOCIATES.
THE MAILING LIST OR SOURCE WAS NOT FURTHER PURSUED BY
EITHER COUNSEL.

AUSA RAY BIETZ, WHO WAS PRESENT, ADVISED THAT THE
BUREAU'S INTEREST WAS PROTECTED AND "MANY ISSUES WERE
CLEARED UP".

END.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

5/27/76

(ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS)

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re San Francisco nitel 5/13/76 advising that a verbatim transcript of Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM HOFFMAN's testimony on 5/10/76 would be obtained from Santa Clara County Superior Court.

A review of the transcripts indicates that HOFFMAN inferred in his testimony during a pretrial hearing that SAC CHARLES W. BATES lied to him but he did not make that statement as set out in San Jose newspaper dated 5/11/76. A pertinent part of the testimony is set out, "Question: Now, when Mr. MC COLLUM talked to Agent SAMPLE, Agent SAMPLE indicated to Mr. MC COLLUM that he had received several years ago, approximately 1967, presumably a mailing list for the San Jose Peace Center. Did Mr. MC COLLUM relate that information to you? Answer: That's right. Question: That he had received this information through an informant? Answer: Well, to go back so I can answer your question, Attorney General ERIC COLLINS had written the FBI before we ever got in the matter about the time we got in it anyway before I started doing anything and asked for a specific number of statements and any documents of the type taken in any of the burglaries from the FBI. They wrote back, gave us a synopsis, not any of the statements, which I got a copy of, and about the same time I got a letter from Mr. BATES which 'incidentally, I don't think any of those letters came to me. He writes the boss. I write him and he writes the boss, and the boss gives me the letters. But he said he had none of the documents at any time taken in any of the burglaries. I knew that

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he did have some, so then I wrote him back and told him that I knew he had some of the documents. And then he said that somebody else stole them for him. The Court: Somebody else what? The Witness: Somebody else stole them for him. They had an informer or somebody that stole them for him. Those were the only ones from the Peace Center in San Jose. Those are the only ones that we happen to know he had and he didn't happen to know we knew he had."

During an interview by DA Investigator MC COLLUM and State Investigator JOHN LILLY on 12/1/75, SA [redacted] in an effort of cooperation to resolve innuendoes of complicity advised the Investigators that the FBI had a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center from another source and would have had no occasion to accept one from JERRY DUCOTE known to the FBI as an unreliable individual. The San Francisco office later wrote to the District Attorney's office and categorically denied receipt or possession of any material taken in burglaries conducted by DUCOTE. b7C

SA SAMPLE testified at the pretrial hearing on 5/19/76 and the Court record now contains the true facts concerning the Peace Center mailing list in the possession of the FBI. It is to be noted that HOFFMAN and his staff have been obsessed with the notion that the Bureau directed DUCOTE's burglaries.

On 12/5/75 a meeting was held at San Francisco including USA JAMES L. BROWNING, Jr., Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS, and SAC CHARLES W. BATES. At this meeting COLLINS said that he would like to have certain information from FBI files and that he would direct a letter to this office setting out a formal request. The letter from COLLINS dated 12/10/75 was received by the San Francisco FBI office on 12/17/75 inasmuch as it was directed to USA BROWNING and was eventually forwarded to the San Francisco FBI office.

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By letter dated 1/2/76 a detailed letterhead memorandum was furnished Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS and Santa Clara County District Attorney LOUIS BERGNA. This memorandum contained all pertinent information in the files of the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions. Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS then requested original serials setting out the information referred to in the LHM and upon approval by the Department of Justice all these serials were furnished COLLINS and BERGNA by letter dated 1/29/76. It is to be noted that the first letter forwarded by Assistant District Attorney HOFFMAN to SAC BATES was dated 1/2/76. On 12/30/75, DOUGLAS LOGAN, Chief Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, telephonically contacted Bureau officials in Washington and complained that SAC BATES was not cooperating, would not furnish requested materials, and would not return telephone calls or answer letters which is all false. During the course of this investigation Assistant DA HOFFMAN has written letters of a threatening type asking for certain statements and documents that do not exist.

For the information of the Bureau, the pretrial hearing relative to Defendant [REDACTED] has been completed and the Judge's decision to dismiss the charges requested in the motion made by the Defense Attorney is being awaited. The Bureau will be kept advised.

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A copy of the transcript of Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN's testimony on 5/10/76 is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

No. _____

Superior Court

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

The People of the State of California

vs.

SUBPOENA

For _____

Filed this _____

day of _____, A. D. 19____

County Clerk.

By _____

Deputy Clerk.



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In the Superior Court of the State of California
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

To FBI Special Agent Conrad Shaw
FBI Office
Bakersfield, California

GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Superior Court Department _____,
in and for said County, at the Court House, in the City of San Jose, on the 23rd day of April,
19 78, at 9 o'clock A. M., as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of
California against Henry G. Scherling

to testify on the part of the defense.

Bring with you all reports, notes, statements, or transcripts of
such reports, notes, or statements, and all other materials which
relate to the subject matter referred to in the attached statement
Fail not at your peril. by failing to bring testimony and production of documents
pursuant to

28 C.F.R. 875.2(c)

DUCES TECUM



WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in
San Jose, Santa Clara County, this _____ day of
APR 14 1976

JOHN KAZUBOWSKI Clerk
M. SCHEIMAN

By _____ Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA.

ss.

The undersigned Deputy Public Defender C. Randall Schneider being

sworn, says that he believes the evidence of the witness _____ above named is material for the defense,
and his attendance at the trial of said cause is necessary, and that said witness does not
reside in this County.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this _____

day of APR 14 1976 A. D. 19 _____

JOHN KAZUBOWSKI Clerk.

By M. SCHEIMAN Deputy Clerk.

C. R. Schneider
C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER

The People of the State of California

vs.

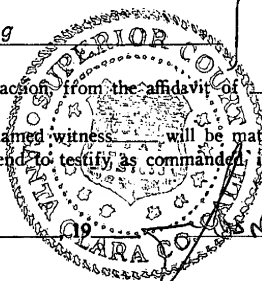
Henry G. Scherling

In the Superior Court

R It appearing to my satisfaction from the affidavit of C. Randall Schneider

that the evidence of the within named witness _____ will be material at the hearing of this cause, I hereby
order that said witness _____ attend to testify as commanded in the foregoing Subpoena, in whatsoever
County the same may be served.

San Jose, 4/14/76



JOSEPH P. [Signature] Superior Judge

1 SHELTON PORTMAN, Public Defender
2 C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER, Deputy Public Defender
3 County of Santa Clara
4 111 North Market Street
5 Fifth Floor
6 San Jose, California 95113
7 Telephone: 998-5121

8 Attorneys for Defendant



JOHN KAZUBOWSKI, COUNTY CLERK
By M. K. Korman Deputy

9 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

11 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
12)
13 Plaintiff,)

14 -vs-

NO. 62398

15 HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING,

16 Defendant.) STATEMENT BY PARTY SEEKING
17) TESTIMONY AND PRODUCTION
18) OF DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO
19) 28 C.F.R. §16.23(c).

20 HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING, defendant in the above-entitled action,
21 hereby requests that the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
22 tion and/or Attorney General of the United States approve the demand
23 for the production of material and disclosure of information
24 attached hereto.

25 A summary of the testimony, documents and information desired
26 is as follows:

Conrad Shaw, Bakersfield FBI Office, will be asked to appear
and bring with him all notes and reports he has prepared since
1967, relating to Jerry Ducote, aka Fred Schwartz, Henry Scherling,

1 Jerry Boyes, Jerry Cohen, esq., and certain "political" burglaries
2 occurring during 1966-1968 in Kern and Santa Clara Counties
3 involving any or all of the above-named individuals. Conrad Shaw
4 will be required to testify to all contacts he has had with the
5 ~~above-named individuals or information he received concerning said~~
6 individuals and any action he took or failed to take concerning
7 said contacts or information.

8 Additionally, Conrad Shaw will be requested to testify regarding
9 any contacts he has had with James Ailes, Chief of Delano Police
10 Department since 1967 relating to the above-mentioned individuals
11 and "political" burglaries.


12 The above-referred to "political" burglaries are (1) the
13 May 30, 1967, break-in of United Farm Worker's Filipino Community
14 Center, 1457 Glenwood Street, Delano, California, (2) November 26,
15 1966 break-in of San Jose Peace Center, 235 North First Street,
16 San Jose, (3) January 11, 1967 break-in of residence of Mrs.
17 Grace McDonald, 740 Hilman Street, Santa Clara, California, (4)
18 Spring, 1967, break-in of residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hirsch,
19 316 South 19th Street, San Jose, California, (5) February 2, 1968,
20 break-in of Palo Alto Peace Center, 424 Lytton Street, Palo Alto,
21 California.

22 Defendant, HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING, prays that the above-
23 requested production of material and disclosure of information
24 be allowed for the following reasons:

25 Defendant has been denied his right to a speedy trial because
26 of official misconduct, cover-up activities or negligent inaction

1 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement
2 agents. The appearance of the above-named special agent and dis-
3 closure of information sought is essential to establish the viola-
4 tion of defendant Scherling's state and federal constitutional
5 rights, and to establish whether or not the Federal Bureau of
6 Investigation, or any representative of the Federal Bureau of
7 Investigation, aided, encouraged, or participated in such official
8 misconduct, cover-up activities, or negligent in-action by said
9 state or federal law enforcement agents.

10 DATED: April 12, 1976

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13 C. RANDALL SCHNEIDER
14 Attorney for Defendant
15 Henry George Scherling
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Did/break-ins for FBI, political burglar claims

COEUR d'ALENE, Idaho (UPI) — Hank Scherling, 46, Coeur d'Alene, says the only bitterness he feels about going to trial on four felony grand theft counts in California this month is that the FBI, for whom he committed the break-ins, won't step forward and share the blame.

Scherling goes on trial Oct. 18 in Santa Clara County, charged with a series of California burglaries in the mid-'60's.

Among places broken into were the offices of: Ramparts Magazine, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; the United Farm Workers in Delano; the Catholic Social Justice law offices and the Palo Alto Peace Center.

"I know what I did was illegal when I was doing it to the extent we were taking other people's files and proper-

ty," Scherling told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

"But I also understood we were working with the covert approval of the FBI."

"I don't feel bad about the whole thing. I'm not bitter except that the FBI won't step forward and tell the truth I feel like I'm taking the whole rap."

Scherling said he conducted the break-ins with Jerome J. "Jerry" Ducote, a 10 year veteran of the Santa Clara Sheriff's department.

He said the first of 17 break-ins was in late 1966 when Ducote and Scherling raided the San Jose Peace Center

Scherling said he and Ducote were told they were committing the burglaries for Western Research Incorporated. Their contact was a shadowy mystery man named R. Ken Wilhelm, "who seemed to have a stockpile of key information."

"Coast Magazine" in a recent article said Western Research, Incorporated "set up a statewide network of right wing informants during the Cold War years."

Western Research was also accused in 1963 of snooping on 36 college professors who were supporting the civil rights movement.

Scherling said he was convinced he would be helping the

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United States government and preventing radical groups from wreaking havoc on the American political system.

"Ducote asked me if I'd be interested in doing some work for the House Un-American Activities Committee and I said all right," said Scherling. "He (Ducote) claimed we would have cover for all the jobs."

"I basically just opened the doors and Ducote went in and took the stuff. We threw it in the car and drove away. I felt at the time the local police and the FBI were looking the other way but now they all disclaim this."

Scherling said he did his work during an "era of violence" and is quite sure it did some good.

"We set back the Chavez attempts to control agriculture which represented quite a communist threat to control this country's food production. It was a public-spirited thing. You have to remember the attitude of the 60's with peace riots and bombings and demonstrations."

Ducote was rounded up rather quickly when the legal noose began to tighten. Scherling was not linked with him until Ducote confessed to eight counts of fraud in an unrelated case in 1973, confessed about the '60's break ins and mentioned Scherling's name. On Feb. 3 Scherling was arrested.

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